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NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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**JESSE WILSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** February 27, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jesse Wilson, District Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the District Attorney, and/or their designee(s) to apply for the Cal OES Emerging Family Justice Center (FE) Program for up to \$220,000 for FY23/24, and to authorize and execute the grant agreement and subsequent documents.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The maximum award is \$220,000 and will be distributed via reimbursement over the course of the 24-month grant period, which is anticipated to be April 1, 2024-March 31, 2026. No match is required.

**BACKGROUND:** The Emerging Family Justice Center (FE) Program supports and provides legal services to victims of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, transnational abandonment, and human trafficking, and to help victims file petitions for protective orders, including domestic violence restraining orders and gun violence restraining orders. It is funded through the 2023-24 State Budget Act via \$10,000,000 appropriated to provide grants to FJCs throughout the State.

Victim/survivors of intimate partner violence in Nevada County face several barriers to accessing services, to include geographic isolation and transportation barriers. Victim/survivors are often unaware of existing resources and once referred to various services can find it daunting to visit the multiple locations to access various services. The lack of cohesive efforts between multidisciplinary providers causes service gaps and ineffective use of limited resources.

The family justice center module promotes a coordinated, centralized service delivery system at one location that brings existing resources together in a co-located center. Professionals within the Nevada County service provider community have long-identified the need for a centralized victim-services center and have recently mobilized in order to implement the vision. In preparation for this project, the DA's Office has convened a multi-disciplinary working group of stakeholders representing law enforcement, prosecution, community-based victim service providers, child welfare services, and medical and therapeutic providers.

The District Attorney's Office is applying for the full award of \$220,000. The funds would support our County in establishing a multidisciplinary Family Justice Center (FJC) that will provide co-located services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child and elder abuse. Funds will support a part-time temporary FJC Facilitator/Coordinator to help launch the center, provide intake and administration, and provide requisite training. A portion of the budget will be used to support members of an FJC working group to attend a Family Justice Center Conference.

We are requesting:

- Approval to apply for this grant, and
- Authorization for the District Attorney, or their designee(s) to sign associated documents required for this application (see attached documents, Cal OES forms 2-101 and 2-103)

We have attached the grant guidelines with budget and application templates, and Cal OES forms 2-101 and 2-103 for reference.

If awarded, the grant will be brought to the Board for approval.

**Item Initiated by: Amy Cobden, Grants Coordinator/Administrative Analyst II**

**Approved by: Jesse Wilson, District Attorney**