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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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DATE OF MEETING: October 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Grant Award XC 1601290 for \$197,979 for providing victim services for gaps in the Nevada County Victim/Witness Program for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution accepting the grant award.

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal VOCA grant funds are the entire \$197,979 amount. There is a required match of \$49,495.00 required by the grant. This is a one-time grant, due to an increase of Federal VOCA funds to Cal OES.

BACKGROUND: This is new grant created by Cal OES that requires a Victim Services Steering Committee (VSSC) with mandatory representation from multiple entities including the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Committee. The VSSC identifies the gaps and establishes a plan to address needs in the community. In addition to multiple county entities participating, it required representation from Cal OES funded Victim/Witness Program, Domestic Violence Assistance Program and Rape Crisis Programs. In addition, it is required that a county agency administer that grant. After discussions with HHS and Probation, it was decided the District Attorney's Office was best suited to be the administrator of the grant.

The purpose of the program is to:

- 1) Respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims
- 2) Help primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization
- 3) Help victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system
- 4) Provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

This is the first time the District Attorney's Office has been awarded this grant. Nevada County's proposal included funding programs at the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), in addition to funding an advocate in the District Attorney's Truckee Office. The grant requires that volunteers must be utilized. The award of DVSAC and CASA, which uses volunteers extensively, is a good fit for this requirement, and will cover the match requirements of the grant. Contracts will be established with each of these organizations to ensure all the

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requirements of the grant are met including reporting statistics and claims are made per the Cal OES Recipient Handbook.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'C' followed by several loops and a final horizontal stroke.

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