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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jesse Wilson, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the District Attorney, and/or their designee(s) to apply for the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program for up to \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/26 through 2028/29, and authorizing the execution of the grant agreement and subsequent documents

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Adopt the Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: The maximum award is \$500,000 and will be distributed via reimbursement over the course of the 36-month grant period, which is anticipated to be October 1, 2025-September 30, 2028. No match is required.

BACKGROUND: The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program supports projects that provide 6 to 24 months of transitional housing and support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. It is funded through the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women grant programs that are authorized by the Violence Against Women Act. There is \$40,000,000 appropriated for this grant to support coordinated community responses that provide services to victims and hold offenders accountable.

The District Attorney's Office is applying for an award of \$500,000 to support staffing and program launch of the 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 limited term FJC Coordinator as well as contract(s) for services with housing assistance providers within Nevada County who will provide transitional housing for victims of violence. A portion of the budget will be used to support the costs of transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of newly developed or existing transitional housing as well as short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing.

This transitional housing program will be established as a program within the FJC of Nevada County.

We are requesting:

- Approval to apply for this grant, and
- Authorization for the District Attorney, or their designee(s) to sign associated application documents required as outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

We have attached the grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for reference.

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

Item Initiated by: Stephanie Fischer, FJC Coordinator/Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Jesse Wilson, District Attorney