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

MEETING DATE: February 9th, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clifford Newell

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting a grant from the California Office of Emergency Services Grant Award XC20030290 for the Nevada County Victim Witness Services Program for \$148,026.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and authorizing the District Attorney to execute the agreement

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt the resolution accepting the grant award.

FUNDING:
Federal VOCA grants funds are the entire amount, \$148,026.00. There is a required match of \$12,212.00. The total Project is \$160,238.00.0

BACKGROUND:
This Cal OES grant includes a Victim Services Steering Committee (VSSC) to represent multiple entities in the community. The VSSC identifies the gaps and reviews plans to address needs in the community. In addition to multiple county entities participating, it requires 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. The grant administration was discussed with Probation and HHSA when the grant was initially released, and it was decided the District Attorney's Office was best suited to be the administrator of the grant when it was first awarded in 2016. This is the third time that Nevada County has been awarded this 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.

Nevada County's proposal included funding programs at the Community Beyond Violence (CBV) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), in addition to funding a part time advocate in the District

Attorney's Truckee Office. The grant requires volunteers be utilized. The award of CBV and CASA, uses volunteers extensively and is a good fit for this requirement, to cover the match requirements of the grant. Contracts will be established with each of these organizations to ensure all the requirements of the grant are met including reporting statistics and claims are made per the Cal OES Recipient Handbook.

The grant is for the calendar year 2021.

Item Initiated by: Denise Harben

Approved by: Clifford Newell

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