

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, or their designee(s), to apply for the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program for up to \$700,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/26 through 2028/29, and authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement and subsequent documents

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: The maximum award is \$700,000 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 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) enhances the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. This program supports cooperative efforts among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other community partners to investigate and prosecute sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; treatment, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, or other victim services for victims in rural communities; or programs addressing sexual assault. 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 \$36,000,000 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 the full award of \$700,000 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 and FJC Navigator to help launch the center, provide intake and administration, and provide requisite training. A portion of the budget will be used to support enhancing Nevada County's sexual assault forensic exam protocol and services to make medical forensic exams more accessible to victims of violence.

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