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

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clifford Newell

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the California Office of Emergency Services Grant Award VW20340290 for the Nevada County Victim Witness Assistance Program in the amount of \$292,323.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt the resolution accepting the grant award.

FUNDING:
The California Department of Emergency Services provides state Victim Witness Assistance (VWA) funds and Federal Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to all California counties. The funding cycle runs on the Federal calendar year from October thru September. There is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:
The Victim Witness Program provides comprehensive services as specified in California Penal Code sections 13835-13835.5 to victims and witnesses of crime. State VWA funds in the amount of \$25,495, and Federal VOCA funds in the amount of \$267,583, have been awarded to the Nevada County Victim Witness Program for a total of \$292,323, for the grant period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

This grant funding will support immediate crisis intervention and other comprehensive services for all victims and witnesses of crime whether the crime occurred in Nevada County or the victim or witness was a resident of Nevada County at the time they were harmed by a criminal act. The program strives for complete restoration of the victim's dignity, health and resources.

Program objectives include improving response to crime victims and witnesses, enhance delivery of comprehensive services for sexual assault victims, child abuse victims, elder abuse victims

and domestic violence victims by coordinating or participating in multi-disciplinary teams, inform victims of their constitutional rights and advocate on their behalf.

Item Initiated by: Denise Harben

Approved by: Clifford Newell

Submittal Date: October 5, 2020

Revision Date: