

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: District Attorney *3.5.08*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-8

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 18, 2008

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Authorization for the District Attorney to Apply for a Grant Entitled "Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program" from the United States Department of Justice, on Behalf of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center, to Enhance Assistance to Victims and Prosecution of These Crimes Which Occur in Rural Areas of Stanislaus County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the District Attorney to submit the grant application to the United States Department of Justice on behalf of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item at this time. If the grant is awarded, up to \$499,868 in revenues from the United States Department of Justice will be available to the Stanislaus Family Justice Center for the purchase of vehicles, staffing costs, and other operating costs, over a period of two years (Federal Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010).

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-174

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

Domestic and family violence, along with sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse, are serious problems in this country, destroying lives and leaving families broken and dysfunctional. Citing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Stanislaus County Domestic and Family Violence Coordinating Council reports that "a woman is beaten every 15 seconds in the United States"—far too many of these beatings lead to serious injuries or death. The Council also reports that "more than 50% of women killed in the United States are killed by intimate partners or ex-partners." Moreover, "approximately 50% of homeless women and children are on the street because of violence in the home."

Stanislaus County is in the unenviable position of being 25% higher than the state average in domestic violence calls to law enforcement as well as being 50% higher in child welfare referrals. More than 2,000 elders report being abused, more than 3,000 domestic violence calls for help are received by law enforcement, more than 150 cases of sexual assault were reported, and more than 10,000 cases are referred through child welfare annually. What is even more sobering is that experts estimate that only 25% of the incidents are reported. This could be due to fear, love, family, money or simply not knowing where and how to seek help.

In April 2007, collaborators met under the guidance of Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney, to explore the possibility of establishing a Family Justice Center in Stanislaus County. At present, victims must go from location to location to report abuse and get needed services, telling their story at each location, traversing the city and county in a cumbersome system that is often confusing and time-consuming. The victim may need to take hours or days off work or sneak away from an abusive environment many times, plus the cost of transportation to these various locations may be prohibitive. The telling and retelling of traumatic events can be overbearing as well. The Family Justice Center model is based on the concept that victims of abuse need only go to one location, and tell their story one time, to get all the services and assistance needed. It is a collaborative effort on the part of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals, from various agencies both public and private, housed under one roof to reduce the number of times and places victims must currently go to tell their story and receive assistance. At least ten agencies in Stanislaus County, both public and private, have committed to this project.

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The Family Justice Center model has proven effectiveness in other communities. For example, the San Diego Family Justice Center reports that cooperation from victims has gone from 25% to 75% over the past few years; in the years prior to 2002, when the Family Justice Center was opened, domestic violence homicides ranged from 9 to 22 annually. However, not one victim who has received services at the Family Justice Center has been a victim of domestic violence homicide since that time. Clients report great satisfaction with the service delivery and increased safety in their lives. The Family Justice Center significantly enhances the ability of police to investigate violent crimes and ultimately increases convictions; increasing convictions increases the number of abusers who complete mandatory rehabilitation programs. These results are replicated in all of the 15 Family Justice Centers implemented via the President's Family Justice Center Initiative of 2003.

Services envisioned to be available at the Family Justice Center include: advocacy, basic needs, counseling/support, crisis intervention, employment and financial assistant (as well as information and referral to other community services), housing and shelter assistance, law enforcement and prosecution, legal assistance service, and medical care/mental health counseling.

The proposed governance structure (Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission) is similar to the Public Authority model used by the Prop 10 Children and Families Commission. The commission will be under the Board of Supervisors with a separate budget unit managed by the District Attorney's office. The Board of Supervisors will appoint the Commission Board. The Family Justice Center will also be supported through fund raising by a 501(c)(3) public charity foundation.

At this time the Stanislaus Family Justice Center does not exist as an actual entity; the ordinance creating it is in process. This ordinance will establish the Family Justice Center as an individual entity, establish the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission, and set up the budget/accounting structure in accordance with county policy.

Although the Family Justice Center is still in the organization/establishment process, the District Attorney's Office became aware of a possible funding opportunity that could provide significant benefits to the Family Justice Center. This is a grant through the federal government, specifically the U.S. Department

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of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. The program is entitled "Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program". The primary purpose of this program is to enhance the safety of child, youth and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. While Stanislaus County has growing urban areas, there is still a significant portion that is designated as "rural" by the U.S. Census Bureau, which qualifies Stanislaus County to apply for this grant.

The victims of these crimes who live in the rural areas of this county are possibly the least served victims, due to the logistical problems of transportation to the many agencies that are involved in investigating and prosecuting these crimes and assisting victims. Public transportation is available in the more urban areas, but rural areas are not well served by these services. In addition, many of the victims located in rural areas may not be fluent in English, and are less likely to utilize these services due to communications difficulties.

This grant award proposal requests funding for two vehicles (including operating costs and maintenance) which would make transportation of these victims from any part of the county available and affordable; it requests funding for personnel costs of Family Justice Center personnel, including the Executive Director of the Family Justice Center and a Haven advocate who is bilingual and will be assigned specifically to rural victims; specialized training for Family Justice Center staff; and funding for publications designed to make the public aware of the services offered by the Family Justice Center. The requested amount of the grant award (\$499,868) covers two years of these costs.

Due to late notice of the grant's availability and an extremely short turnaround, the required grant documents were submitted to the agency on the deadline date of February 26, 2008.

BOARD PRIORITIES:

The Family Justice Center helps to fulfill the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, Effective Partnerships, and Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

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STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts at this time. Once the Family Justice Center is formally established, positions will be requested from the Board at that time. If this grant award is made, funding for one county position would be available for two years.

Opportunity Title:	FY 2008 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual	
Offering Agency:	Office of Violence Against Women	
CFDA Number:	16.589	
CFDA Description:	Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcer	
Opportunity Number:	OVW-2008-1771	
Competition ID:	DISCRETIONARY	
Opportunity Open Date:	01/28/2008	
Opportunity Close Date:	02/26/2008	
Agency Contact:	Kara Moller Grant Program Specialist 202-307-6026	

This electronic grants application is intended to be used to apply for the specific Federal funding opportunity referenced here.

If the Federal funding opportunity listed is not the opportunity for which you want to apply, close this application package by clicking on the "Cancel" button at the top of this screen. You will then need to locate the correct Federal funding opportunity, download its application and then apply.

This opportunity is only open to organizations, applicants who are submitting grant applications on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.

* Application Filing Name: Stanislaus County District Attorney

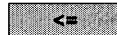
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Mandatory Completed Documents for Submission

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
ED Certification Debarment (ED-80-0014)
Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)
Project Narrative Attachment Form
Budget Narrative Attachment Form

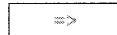
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Optional Documents

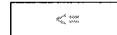
Faith Based EEO Survey

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Optional Completed Documents for Submission

Open Form

Instructions

- 1** Enter a name for the application in the Application Filing Name field.

 - This application can be completed in its entirety offline; however, you will need to login to the Grants.gov website during the submission process.
 - You can save your application at any time by clicking the "Save" button at the top of your screen.
 - The "Submit" button will not be functional until the application is complete and saved.
- 2** Open and complete all of the documents listed in the "Mandatory Documents" box. Complete the SF-424 form first.

 - It is recommended that the SF-424 form be the first form completed for the application package. Data entered on the SF-424 will populate data fields in other mandatory and optional forms and the user cannot enter data in these fields.
 - The forms listed in the "Mandatory Documents" box and "Optional Documents" may be predefined forms, such as SF-424, forms where a document needs to be attached, such as the Project Narrative or a combination of both. "Mandatory Documents" are required for this application. "Optional Documents" can be used to provide additional support for this application or may be required for specific types of grant activity. Reference the application package instructions for more information regarding "Optional Documents".
 - To open an item, simply click on it to select the item and then click on the "Open" button. When you have completed a form or document, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the => button. This will move the form/document to the "Completed Documents" box. To remove a form/document from the "Completed Documents" box, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the <= button. This will return the form/document to the "Mandatory Documents" or "Optional Documents" box.
 - When you open a required form, the fields which must be completed are highlighted in yellow. Optional fields and completed fields are displayed in white. If you enter invalid or incomplete information in a field, you will receive an error message.
- 3** Click the "Submit" button to submit your application to Grants.gov.

 - Once you have properly completed all required documents and saved the application, the "Submit" button will become active.
 - You will be taken to a confirmation page where you will be asked to verify that this is the funding opportunity and Agency to which you want to submit an application.

Application Submission Verification and Signature

Opportunity Title: **FY 2008 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Ass**
Offering Agency: **Office of Violence Against Women**
CFDA Number: **16.589**
CFDA Description: **Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program**
Opportunity Number: **OVW-2008-1771**
Competition ID: **DISCRETIONARY**
Opportunity Open Date: **01/28/2008**
Opportunity Close Date: **02/26/2008**
Application Filing Name : **Stanislaus County District Attorney**

Do you wish to sign and submit this Application?

Please review the summary provided to ensure that the information listed is correct and that you are submitting an application to the opportunity for which you want to apply.

If you want to submit the application package for the listed funding opportunity, click on the "Sign and Submit Application" button below to complete the process. You will then see a screen prompting you to enter your user ID and password.

If you do not want to submit the application at this time, click the "Exit Application" button. You will then be returned to the previous page where you can make changes to the required forms and documents or exit the process.

If this is not the application for the funding opportunity for which you wish to apply, you must exit this application package and then download and complete the correct application package.

Sign and Submit Application

Exit Application

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

Version 02

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify)**

*** 3. Date Received:**

Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

*** 5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** Stanislaus County District Attorney

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

946000540

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

073136772

d. Address:

*** Street1:** 832 12th Street, Suite 300

Street2:

*** City:** Modesto

County:

*** State:** CA: California

Province:

*** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:** 95354

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: *** First Name:** Lori

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:** Acree

Suffix:

Title: Accountant

Organizational Affiliation:

*** Telephone Number:** 209-525-5505

Fax Number:

*** Email:** lori.acree@standa.org

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9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="499,868.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="499,868.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

Yes No

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

**** I AGREE**

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

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*** Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following field should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent on any Federal Debt. Maximum number of characters that can be entered is 4,000. Try and avoid extra spaces and carriage returns to maximize the availability of space.

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Approved by OMB

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

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Review Public Burden Disclosure Statement

1. * Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. * Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. * Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> SubAwardee * Name Stanislaus County District Attorney * Street 1 Street 2 832 12th Street, Suite 300 * City State Zip Meadot CA: California 95354 Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No.4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:	
6. * Federal Department/Agency: U.S Department of Justice/OVW	7. * Federal Program Name/Description: Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program CFDA Number, if applicable: 16.589	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant: Prefix * First Name Middle Name Pillsbury, Winthrop * Last Name Suffix Shaw, Pittman * Street 1 Street 2 2300 N, NW Street * City State Zip Washington DC: District of Columbia 20037-1128	b. Individual Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) Prefix * First Name Middle Name Elizabeth * Last Name Suffix Moeller * Street 1 Street 2 * City State Zip	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	* Signature: Completed on submission to Grants.gov *Name: Prefix * First Name Middle Name Birgit * Last Name Suffix Fladager Title: District Attorney Telephone No.: 209-525-5550 Date: Completed on submission to Grants.gov	
Federal Use Only:	Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)	

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled A Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, and without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

* NAME OF APPLICANT			
Stanislaus County District Attorney			
* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE			
Prefix:	<input type="text"/>	* First Name:	Birgit
		Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
* Last Name:	Fladager	Suffix:	<input type="text"/>
		* Title:	District Attorney, Stanislaus County
SIGNATURE	Completed on submission to Grants.gov	DATE	Completed on submission to Grants.gov

Optional - You may attach 1 file to this page.

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ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

D. Purpose of Application (10 points)

Problem to be addressed and how funding would alleviate it

Domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking throw a dark shadow over thousands of lives in Stanislaus County. In spite of the efforts of so many dedicated agencies, violent crime continues to be a problem throughout our county. Annually, more than 2,000 elders report being abused, while more than 3,000 domestic-violence calls for help are received by law enforcement and more than 10,000 cases are referred through child welfare. In fact, Stanislaus County experiences a 25% greater rate of domestic violence calls for help to law enforcement than the state average, and a 50% higher rate for child welfare referrals. As Stanislaus County's population burgeons (the population grew from 446,997 residents at the time of the 2000 U.S. Census to an estimated 512,138 residents in 2006, according to the U.S. Census Bureau) in the years ahead, the number of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes and victims is very likely to increase in step, unless new and innovative approaches are used.

In Stanislaus County, law enforcement make arrests based on probable cause, then the District Attorney's Office (DA) issues cases based on a "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard:

	Year	Referred to DA	Felony Issued	Misdemeanor Issued
Domestic Violence	2005	2059	402	336
Sexual Assault		65	26	3
Domestic Violence	2006	2015	540	474
Sexual Assault		64	25	2
Domestic Violence	2007	2082	594	716
Sexual Assault		94	33	2

What is even more sobering is that experts estimate that only 25% of the incidents are actually reported. This could be due to fear, love, family, isolation, a lack of money, or simply not knowing where and how to seek help.

Barriers that prevent many domestic violence victims living in rural areas of Stanislaus County from seeking or receiving services include transportation, linguistic (many female victims are monolingual Spanish), cultural barriers and norms, and no centralized intensive services for victims.

Funding from this grant proposal will enable Stanislaus County to implement activities consistent with the statutory purpose areas and strategies of the Rural Program. Specifically, the funding will be used for the following stated statutory program purposes:

- 1) To identify, assess, and appropriately respond to child, youth and adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in rural communities of Stanislaus County, by encouraging collaboration among domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking victim service providers, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, other criminal justice service providers, human and community service providers, educational institutions and health care providers **by establishing the Stanislaus Family Justice Center in Modesto, CA.**
- 2) To increase the safety and well-being of women and children in rural communities of Stanislaus County by dealing directly and immediately with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking occurring in rural communities; and creating and implementing strategies to increase awareness and prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking **by reducing the cultural, linguistic, and geographic barriers to violence prevention and intervention services.**

Strategies that will be used to implement the statutory program purposes will include:

- 1) Implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 2) Provide treatment, counseling, advocacy, and other long- and short-term assistance to adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in rural communities, including assistance in immigration matters.
- 3) Work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

Our hope is that by implementing the statutory purpose areas and strategies in Stanislaus County, we can strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance our capacity to prevent, solve, and control domestic violence crimes in our rural areas.

Target population to be served

Target population to be served include children, youth and adults of various socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds who reside in rural census tracts in Stanislaus County, California that qualify for services identified by this grant. The rural areas include Patterson, Newman, Grayson, unincorporated Oakdale, Hickman, and Knights Ferry. The rural census tracts begin with 0609900: then end in 01.02, 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 32.01, 32.02, 33.00, 34.00, 35.00, and 36.03. The proposed project would benefit the target population by reducing the cultural, linguistic, and geographic barriers to violence prevention and intervention services. The target population is very diverse in culture, language, and socioeconomic background and includes a high Hispanic population who are traditionally underserved by domestic violence prevention programs. The rural census tracts are located on the far east and west sides of Stanislaus County. Specific

detailed data on Domestic Violence cases and current demographic information from the 2000 Census that defines the rural population to be served is detailed below.

<u>Census Tract or City</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2000 Census</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Med Age</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Family Household</u>
1.02								
Domestic violence	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>						
TOTAL	11	4	3,435	1,756	1,679	40	453	974
2.01, 2.02, 2.03								
Domestic violence	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>						
TOTAL	2	2	16,368	7,880	8,488	35	3,182	4,304
32.01, 32.02								
Domestic violence	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>						
TOTAL	3	3	12,216	6,114	6,102	27	6,912	2,754
33								
Domestic violence	16	13						
Sexual assault	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>						
TOTAL	19	13	4,458	2,362	2,096	30	2,567	1,022
34								
Domestic violence	4	3						
Sexual assault	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>						
TOTAL	5	3	1,560	796	764	31	799	402
35								
Domestic violence	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>						
TOTAL	4	0	7,535	3,788	3,747	30	3,773	1,813
36.03								
Domestic violence	11	3						
Sexual assault	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>						
TOTAL	12	3	4,135	2,161	1,974	31	1,222	1,056
Oakdale								
Domestic violence	115	98						
Sexual assault	3	2						
Stalking	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>						
TOTAL	126	106	15,503	7,431	8,072	35	3,109	4,052
Newman								
Domestic violence	33	46						
Sexual assault	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>						
TOTAL	47	58	7,093	3,562	3,531	29	3,648	1,701
GRAND TOTAL	229	192	72,303	35,850 49.6%	36,453 50.4%		25,665 35.5%	18,078

Several significant benefits exist for having all the services in one place for victims living in rural areas. The arrangement decreases the burden on the victim – emotionally, physically, financially and safety-wise. It adds efficiency to service provision; and very importantly strengthens the network and understanding among those who provide victim services.

Current services and gaps

For victims who do seek help, many find the current system overwhelming. They are often required to travel from agency to agency throughout the county - and Stanislaus County covers almost 1,500 square miles. These brave victims, often visibly bruised and battered, must repeatedly tell their story to get the services they need – which may include law enforcement, courts, legal aid, medical, housing, shelter, food, transportation, mental health, financial services, social services and other assistance. It is a cumbersome and often confusing system that takes time and system-knowledge to access. This process of seeking and attaining help and support is also very time-intensive. The victim may need to take hours or days off work or sneak away from an abusive environment many times.

At a time when they are already in crisis, this is often a crushing experience that can send the victim back to an abusive environment, risking their safety and possibly their children's as well. Additionally, the cost of transportation to the services can be prohibitive. Moreover, the retelling of traumatic events can be overwhelming.

Community's service area in which the project would be implemented

Stanislaus County's more than 1,500 square miles are located in the heart of California's Central Valley, and Modesto is the county seat. The county's estimated 2006 population of 514,400 is a 1.8 percent increase from the previous year. According to population projections, Stanislaus County will be home to almost 654,000 residents by the year 2020. (Source:

www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

The source for the following information is the U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey:

POPULATION OF Stanislaus County: In 2006, Stanislaus County had a total population of 512,000 - 258,000 (50 percent) females and 254,000 (50 percent) males. The median age was 31.6 years. Twenty-nine percent of the population was under 18 years and 10 percent was 65 years and older. For people reporting one race alone, 76 percent are White; 3 percent are Black or African American; 1 percent are American Indian and Alaska Native; 6 percent are Asian; less than 0.5 percent are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 14 percent are some other race. Three percent reported Two or more races. Thirty-eight percent of the people in Stanislaus County are Hispanic. Fifty percent of the people in Stanislaus County are White non-Hispanic.

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2006 there were 160,000 households in Stanislaus County. The average household size was 3.2 people. Families made up 74 percent of the households in Stanislaus County. This figure includes both married-couple families (53 percent) and other families (21 percent). Nonfamily households made up 26 percent of all households in Stanislaus County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Twenty percent of the people living in Stanislaus County in 2006 were foreign born. Eighty percent were native, including 64 percent who were born in California. Among people at least five years old living in Stanislaus County in 2006, 40 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 78 percent spoke Spanish and 22 percent spoke some other language; 41 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

EDUCATION: In 2006, 74 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 15 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Twenty-six percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school. The total school enrollment in Stanislaus County was 149,000 in 2006. College or graduate school enrollment was 32,000.

OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: Among the most common occupations are: Management, professional, and related occupations, 27 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 17 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 16 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 12 percent. Seventy-nine percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 13 percent was Federal, state, or local government workers; and 8 percent was Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

INCOME: The median income of households in Stanislaus County was \$48,566. Eighty-one percent of the households received earnings and 18 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Twenty-seven percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$12,950. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: In 2006, 14 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 7 percent of people 65 years old and over. Eleven percent of all families and 31 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

HOUSING COSTS: The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,818, nonmortgaged owners \$378, and renters \$835. Fifty-four percent of owners with mortgages, 16

percent of owners without mortgages, and 59 percent of renters in Stanislaus County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

How the project complements the STOP Violence Against Women Implementation Plan

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center project complements California's STOP Violence Against Women Implementation Plan by emphasizing a coordinated community approach to reducing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking on a local level. In our proposed project, special units developed in law enforcement agencies and our county's prosecutor's office (including the Victim Services Unit in the District Attorney's Office) will work in coordination with and as collaborative partners in the Family Justice Center. All of our partners are committed to creating programs that are culturally competent and available to underserved, rural populations and reducing the cultural, linguistic, and geographic barriers that currently exist that prevent victims and those at-risk of victimization from seeking violence prevention and intervention services in Stanislaus County.

The need for the project.

Collaborative partners in the Stanislaus Family Justice Center have been in the planning stage for the center since November 2006, with the goal to open by August 2008. In 2003, the President's Family Justice Center initiative helped establish the first 15 centers in the United States. Now more than 30 centers are supported by the National Family Justice Center Alliance, whose vision is "to create a network of national and international Family Justice Centers with close working relationships, shared training and technical assistance, collaborative learning processes, and coordinated funding assistance".

The Family Justice Center model is identified as a "best practice" in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services. The documented and published outcomes include:

reduced homicides, increased victim safety, increased empowerment for victims, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, reduced recantation and minimization by victims, increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, and dramatically increased community support for service to victims and their children through the Family Justice Center model.

We are encouraged by the results of the San Diego Family Justice Center, where they noted that before they opened, 70% of domestic violence and sexual assault victims DID NOT want to participate in the prosecution process as victims felt they lacked support. Two years after opening their doors, 70% of the domestic violence and sexual assault victims WANT to participate in the prosecution process. In 1991, San Diego City Attorney's Office reported 22 Domestic Violence homicides, which dropped in subsequent years to 13 (1995), 9 (2002), 7 (2003), 6 (2004), and 5 (2005). San Diego's trial number have also dropped from 80 in 2004 to 30 currently because victims are now ready to testify against their batterer, and the batterers pled on the day of trial. We feel it is necessary to create a Family Justice Center, because right now in Stanislaus County, we end up having to dismiss cases on day of trial because we either cannot find the victim, the victim recants their version of the abuse, or the victim refuses to come to court.

We expect that at least 250 – 500 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking would seek help and assistance through the Family Justice Center. Most centers experience escalating numbers as victims find out about the services.

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center will build on the success of the agencies housed within it. This effort will provide support through improved case management and an augmented

exchange of information and resources. Closing the gaps will improve accessibility to services and ease the burden of reporting crimes and prosecuting and rehabilitating offenders.

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center will also greatly enhance the ability of police to investigate violent crimes and ultimately increase convictions. Increasing convictions will increase the number of abusers who will complete mandatory rehabilitation programs. This combination of victim assistance, support and strengthening – in addition to the extensive counseling for abusers - will work to decrease the rate of abuse in Stanislaus County.

E. What Will Be Done (40 points)

Detail the project goals and objectives

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center mission is, as committed partners, to provide a safe and compassionate environment to foster hope and healing while raising public awareness and support. **The specific goal of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center is to provide violence prevention and intervention services to victims living in rural Stanislaus County to decrease the rate of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.** The goal relates to the statutory program purpose as stated on page 2 of this program narrative. By housing a multi-disciplinary team of professionals under one roof, we will reduce the amount of time and places victims have to go to tell their story and get the help they so desperately need. In addition, by incorporating a transportation component, hiring a domestic violence victim advocate to outreach into rural areas, and encouraging referrals from family case managers at existing rural Family Resource Centers, our goal is to identify, educate, and serve victims and those at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Therefore, the specific objectives (or strategies) of the project that will enable us to implement the statutory program purposes include:

1. Strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance the Nation's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime (to support the grant's stated measurable objective).
2. Provide support through improved case management and an augmented exchange of information and resources.
3. Close the gaps to improve accessibility to services and ease the burden of reporting crimes, and prosecuting and rehabilitating offenders.
4. Enhance the ability of law enforcement to investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking crimes and ultimately increase convictions.
5. Collaborate with Family Resource Centers in the identified rural areas to assist residents with assessed needs.

Specific tasks and activities, including a time frame when activities will be accomplished.

FACILITIES: At the writing of this proposal, the Stanislaus Family Justice Center planning partners are working with a local real estate company to identify a facility to lease for our center. Several factors for choosing a location include: adequate free parking, sufficient space to house the many Stanislaus Family Justice Center partners, ADA compliance and proximity to public transportation. Safety is extremely important, so the center will need to be located in a safe, well-lit area. Our goal is to have a site chosen and secured by June 2008. All lease fees will be provided by other funding sources and no funds from this grant proposal will be utilized to pay for facilities or any physical modifications to the building. Total start-up occupation cost is estimated at \$1,260,480 and will be funded from other sources.

STAFFING: As many as 24 full-time on-site personnel will be located in the Family Justice Center by August 2008. We are requesting funding through this proposal for 2 new positions: **Executive Director** for the Stanislaus Family Justice Center and a bi-lingual English/Spanish

Haven Advocate to assist domestic violence victims in rural areas, both which will be hired by November 2008 (see budget). The remaining 22 positions are supplied by partner agencies and their employment costs are borne by their respective agencies or have been assigned as shared costs. Staffing types committed include: Intake/Assessment/Case Management (provided by Haven Women's Center); Law Enforcement (provided by Police and Sheriff's department partners); Prosecution, Investigation, Clerical, Advocacy (provided by District Attorney's office); Forensic (provided by medical partners); Peer and Long-Term Counseling, Support (provided by Haven Women's Center); Child Abuse Prevention (provided by the CAIRE Center); Legal Assistance (provided by Stanislaus County Superior Court on an as-needed basis); and Administrative Support, Receptionist, Volunteer Coordinator (each are a shared cost of FJC). Several on-call partners will serve victims at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center as needed and include Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Interpreters, Legal Assistance, Chaplains, and additional law enforcement.

In addition, background-checked volunteers will assist in client welcoming/intake and client flow through service delivery. They will also help with on-site child care, chaplaincy, and office work. Volunteers will be instrumental with fund-raising and public relations, and we will recruit volunteers with special expertise including marketing/design, grant writing, and job training.

MANAGEMENT/GOVERNANCE: The Executive Director will manage the Family Justice Center on a daily basis. S/he will be familiar with the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and the kind of support that will assist them with living safe, healthy and independent lives.

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will appoint a Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board, staffed by the Executive Director, by August 2008. The Commission will

consist of 5 Community Members (1 from each Supervisorial District), Community Services Agency director, a county Supervisor, District Attorney, Doctors Medical Center CEO, Haven Women's Center Executive Director, Mayor's Commission representative, Modesto Chief of Police, Stanislaus County Sheriff, and Board President of Stanislaus Family Justice Center Foundation. Members of the commission board will serve 3-year terms.

TRAINING: Stanislaus Family Justice Center will provide in-service trainings with materials distribution bi-annually for all identified points of entry for victims. This will include law enforcement, faith-based community, medical community, Family Resource Centers, first responders, social service agencies, schools, and all other mandated reporters. In addition, quarterly intensive training will be provided to all project partners housed within the Family Justice Center in the areas of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking focusing on identifying special needs of rural residents.

As a requirement of this grant, we will allocate funds to support travel costs associated with technical assistance and capacity-building activities sponsored by OVW-designated technical assistance providers, and to attend the Financial Management Training Seminars sponsored by the OJP's Office of the Comptroller.

PROGRAM: Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking will not be charged for the Stanislaus Family Justice Center services. The only exception will be from agencies that currently charge fees for service such as medical or private counseling. Every effort will be made to help find funds to offset fees for those who cannot afford them. *We will not provide any programs or engage in activities that may compromise victim safety as listed in the grant solicitation RFP, and we will ensure victim safety while holding perpetrators accountable for the criminal conduct.* Abusers WILL NOT be seen onsite, but will be referred to other

agencies that can assist them. With the exception of child sexual abuse, grant funds will be used to address services for children only in cases linked to services provided to an adult victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.

The major services to be offered daily will include:

1. Advocacy – active support and case management for the client. Abuse situations can be complex and overwhelming for victims. Advocates remain involved until the situation is stabilized and there is no longer a threat to the abused person(s). For example, an advocate may assist a victim requiring multiple services who is without adequate personal or family resources. This may include:
 - a. Client advocates working one-on-one to guide victims through recovery and healing.
 - b. Counseling and spiritual support.
 - a. In-home evaluation visits, medical services, support groups, and transportation.
 - b. Lawyers to obtain protective orders and offer legal assistance.
 - c. Partnerships with local businesses for ancillary services and financial contributions.
 - d. Police and prosecutors to investigate and prosecute abusers.
 - e. Social workers, mental health professionals, and medical attention.
2. Basic needs – Provision of food, shelter, clothing.
3. Counseling/Support – Access to individual counseling and support groups.
4. Crisis intervention – Offer survivor support through safety planning and assistance with protective and restraining orders, and emergency shelter.
5. Employment and financial assistance, and information and referral to community services including employment assistance, job training, and help attaining TANF, WIC, Food Stamps, victim compensation, and other public assistance.

6. Housing/Shelter assistance to ensure sustainable, safe and affordable housing for victims of violence and their families.
7. Immigration assistance
8. Law enforcement - Investigation and prosecution of offenders.
9. Legal assistance services - Offers a legal clinic to help victims obtain restraining orders, dissolutions, custody, and other family law matters.
10. Medical care and mental health counseling for victims and children impacted by violence.
11. Transportation for victims in rural areas or with transportation barriers. We are proposing to purchase one full-sized van and one minivan (both handicapped equipped) with funds received from this proposal (see budget and budget narrative).

OUTREACH: The Haven Advocate (bi-lingual English/Spanish) will provide outreach into communities and connect as a resource/liaison to rural Family Resource Centers (FRC's), many of which already serve women at risk of abuse, neglect and domestic violence. Family Resource Centers will provide referrals to the Haven Advocate as case managed families may disclose past/current incidences or risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and stalking as they become engaged in FRC services. Employment of a bi-lingual English/Spanish Haven Advocate would enable the Stanislaus Family Justice Center to engage difficult to reach monolingual Spanish victims, many of whom are ashamed or feel it is part of their culture to be dominated by an abuser, whether through dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. FRC's, along with Law Enforcement and other first responders would serve as referral sources to the Stanislaus Family Justice Center.

In addition to the listed duties above, the Haven Advocate would also:

1. Provide education and outreach to the residents living in the identified rural areas of the county on a monthly basis.
2. Provide transportation as requested and needed to victims in the identified rural areas to the Family Justice Center or other agencies that provide services to the victims.

DATA COLLECTION/PERFORMANCE MEASURES: To support the Office on Violence Against Women in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act, we will provide the following data that measures the result of our work. The specific data that we will provide to OVW through semi-annual progress report forms for Stanislaus County includes:

1. The number and percentage of arrests relative to the number of police responses to domestic violence incidents.
2. The number of victims receiving requested services funded by the Rural Program.
3. The number of referrals between child protective services workers and victim advocates.

Tangible products to be developed

Initial materials developed for the project will include letterhead (5000), envelopes (5000), business and referral cards (1000), and Stanislaus Family Justice Center brochure (5000). The materials will be used by all collaborative partners to increase awareness of the services the Family Justice Center provides to victims and those at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and stalking. Referral cards, in particular, will be distributed to all law enforcement officers and first responders. We will actively seek coverage in the local media through press releases, public service announcements and donor-sponsored advertisements.

F. Who Will Implement the Project (10 points)

Oversight of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center (SFJC) project will be by the Stanislaus

Family Justice Center Commission appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. The SFJC will be supported by a 501(c)(3), public charity Foundation. Locally, more than 50 community leaders are involved in the formation of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. The Lead Agency for the project is the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office.

Project partners include:

- Behavioral Health and Recovery Services: Mental health counseling
- Chaplaincy Services: Counseling/support
- Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluations (CAIRE Center): Forensic interviewing of child abuse victims, forensic medical examinations, referrals to Haven Women's Center and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services for assessment of family.
- Community Services Agency (Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, StanWorks): Employment and financial assistance, and information and referral to other community services. Protection and assessment of the safety of children in the home, protection and assessment of elders and dependent adults, referrals to other agencies for prosecution and/or assistance.
- Stanislaus County Superior Court: Family Law Facilitator and Self-help program to assist victims in areas of family law, restraining orders, and other legal assistance.
- Stanislaus County District Attorney: Prosecution of offenders of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; victim services program includes court escort of victims, information and referral of victims to other agencies.
- Forensic Medical Services: Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. provides for the examination of children who have alleged child abuse. Doctors' Medical Center and Memorial

Medical Center will provide sexual assault exams to adult sexual assault victims and medical care to domestic violence victims.

- Haven Women's Center: Crisis intervention, housing/shelter assistance, counseling support, advocacy
- Stanislaus County Health Services Agency: Immunization clinic for children, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Modesto, Turlock, Newman, and Oakdale Police Departments; Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office: Investigation of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault crimes.
- Stanislaus County Probation: Supervision of offenders to insure completion of court ordered counseling, stay away orders, and to deter new criminal offenses.
- Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office: Assist in the budget for the Family Justice Center; liaison between agencies and the Board of Supervisors.
- Stanislaus County Office of Education: Prevention and Educational programs for children and teens.
- Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance/Catholic Charities: Networking of those who work with elders and dependent adults to prevent abuse and assist those who are abused; programs to assist elders at home, transportation and paying of bills; immigration services.

Key staff involved in planning, implementation, and direct service at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center, and their level of expertise and experience include:

Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney for Stanislaus County: Facilitator of the development of the Family Justice Center, 24 years experience in prosecution of cases including domestic violence, stalking and elder abuse.

Elizabeth Owen, Annette Rees, Elaine Casillas: Prosecutors with 10 years experience each, and specializing in prosecuting domestic violence, stalking, elder and dependent adult abuse, and sexual assault.

Belinda Rolicheck, Executive Director of Haven Women's Center: Over 12 years experience in Public Health (2000-04), Victim Advocacy for the District Attorney's Office (2004-06) and Haven's Women Center (1996-2000, and 2006 – present).

Anne Danhoff, Social Worker for Adult Protective Services: Over 20 years of experience in assessing and evaluating elders and dependent adults for services.

Cyndee Borges-O'Dell, Program Coordinator for Children's System of Care/CAIRE Center with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services: Over 20 years in working in the mental health field providing crisis response, assessment and counseling to clients for mental health issues.

Gloria Ringsby, Coordinator of the CAIRE Center and Supervisor of Emergency Response Workers for Child Welfare Services (CPS): 8 years of social work experience, most recently in the area of child abuse prevention, education and treatment.

Formal collaboration with community-based nonprofit domestic violence organization:

Haven Women's Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit bi-lingual (Spanish/English) organization consisting of a group of dedicated staff and volunteers who share their time by helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Haven's services are designed to empower and support women in their personal decisions. Women are given the opportunity to safety plan and regain control of their lives. Haven has been involved in the development and implementation of the project since the Family Justice Center plan's inception.

Haven meets the required grant criteria of a community-based nonprofit, nongovernmental organization as they serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or

stalking as one of their primary purposes and have a demonstrated history of effective work concerning such issues. Haven's services also address a demonstrated need in Stanislaus County by providing services that promote the dignity and self sufficiency of victims, improve their access to resources, and create options for victims seeking safety from perpetrator violence. Haven Women's Center does not engage in activities that compromise victim safety.

G. Sustainability Plan (5 points)

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center will be supported by a 501(c)(3) public charity foundation. The foundation currently exists as the CAIRE Foundation and is in the process of converting its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to expand its purpose to include the Family Justice Center. Initially, the Board of Directors will remain as is. With time, it will expand to reflect the needs of the Family Justice Center. We anticipate securing the first 3 years funding from foundations, corporate giving, and local donors.

There are commitments from 8 agencies to provide and pay for staff for 20 of the 24 positions situated at the Family Justice Center. The commitments equate to approximately \$1,500,000 annually in on-site staffing that will be in place at no direct cost to the Center. The agencies include: Haven Women's Center, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, Modesto Police Department, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, Community Services Agency, Health Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, and Stanislaus County Superior Court. The other 4 positions will be paid for through grants and other funding, which include the 2 positions that we are asking to be funded through this grant proposal.

We have every confidence that the success of the Family Justice Center, as well as our responsible and careful stewardship of the funding we receive, will lead to sustainable support from city and county government, foundations, corporate giving, and local donors.

PROJECT ABSTRACT

Domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking throw a dark shadow over thousands of lives in Stanislaus County. Law enforcement receives more than 3,000 domestic violence calls annually and 2,000 elders are reported being abused. Stanislaus County experiences a 25% greater rate of domestic violence calls for help to law enforcement than the State average. Stanislaus County is over 1,500 square miles and the rural areas are predominantly populated by many Hispanic families. Barriers that prevent many domestic violence victims living in rural areas of Stanislaus County from seeking or receiving services include transportation, linguistic, cultural barriers and norms, and no centralized intensive services for victims. The target population to be served by funding from this grant are covered by ten census tracts and include the areas surrounding Oakdale, Hickman, Patterson, Newman, Grayson and Knights Ferry. Strategies that will be used to implement the program are:

- 1) Implement, expand and establish cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- 2) Provide treatment, counseling, advocacy and other long- and short- term assistance to adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. in rural communities, including assistance with immigration matters.
- 3) Work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

BUDGET SUMMARY

This proposal requests funding totaling \$499,868 over the 24 month grant period, for personnel, vehicles, training/travel and operating expenses.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Funding from this grant proposal will enable Stanislaus County to implement activities consistent with the statutory purpose areas and strategies of the Rural Program.

PERSONNEL:

We are requesting funding through this proposal for 2 new positions: **Executive Director** for the Stanislaus Family Justice Center and a bi-lingual English/Spanish **Haven Advocate** to assist domestic violence victims in rural areas, both of which are projected to be hired by November 2008.

The Executive Director will manage the Family Justice Center on a day to day basis, bringing supervisory and organizational expertise to the center. This individual will also be familiar with the needs of victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault and the necessary support that will assist them with living safe, healthy and independent lives. *The estimated annual cost of this position is \$121,517 in year 1 and \$127,593 in year 2, to include salary and benefits.*

The Haven Advocate (bi-lingual English/Spanish) will provide outreach into rural communities and connect as a resource/liaison to rural Family Resource Centers (FRCs), many of which already serve women at risk of abuse, neglect and domestic violence. Employment of a bi-lingual English/Spanish Haven Advocate would enable the Stanislaus Family Justice Center to engage difficult to reach monolingual Spanish victims, many of whom are ashamed or feel it is part of their culture to be dominated by an abuser, whether through dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. In addition to the listed duties above, the Haven Advocate would also

provide education and outreach to the residents living in the identified rural areas of the county on a monthly basis and provide transportation as requested and needed to victims in the identified rural areas to the Family Justice Center or other agencies that provide services to the victims. *The estimated annual cost of this position is \$43,492 in year 1 and \$45,666 in year 2, to include salary, benefits, specialized training and supervision.*

TRAINING:

As a requirement of this grant, we will allocate funds to support travel costs associated with technical assistance and capacity-building activities sponsored by OVW-designated technical assistance providers, and to attend the Financial Management Training Seminars sponsored by the OJP's Office of the Comptroller. *\$10,000 is budgeted in year 1 and \$5,000 in year 2 as required by the grant; in year 1, \$1,000 is also requested for the financial management training.*

VEHICLES:

We are proposing to purchase one full-sized van and one minivan (both handicapped equipped) with funds received from this proposal. Transportation for victims in rural areas or with transportation barriers is a critical need. *The estimated cost of these vehicles is \$55,000 for the initial purchase of the full sized van and \$50,000 for the initial purchase of the minivan, both in year 1. In addition, ongoing funding for gas, maintenance, etc for year 1 and year 2 are requested; for the standard van, \$7,200 per year is request, and for the minivan \$6,600 per year is requested (assuming approximately 12,000 miles/year for each vehicle).* Due to the volatility of gasoline prices, these estimates are based on .60/mile for the standard van and .55/mile for the minivan.

OTHER OPERATING COSTS:

The production of flyers, brochures, letterhead, etc is a critical need for the FJC, for outreach and public education purposes. Initial materials developed for the project will include letterhead (5,000), envelopes (5,000), business and referral cards (,1000), and a Stanislaus Family Justice Center brochure (5,000). Additionally, funding for postage and other materials/operating costs (office supplies, copier service, etc) as well as the ongoing production of brochures etc is requested. *The total amount requested for such operating costs is \$7,000 for year 1 (including production startup costs) and \$6,000 in year 2.*

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

A. Personal Services – Salaries/Employee Benefits	2008-09	2009-10	COST
Executive Director Salary Benefits	\$83,054 \$38,463	\$87,206 \$40,387	\$170,260 \$78,850
Haven Advocate Salary & Benefits	\$43,492	\$45,666	\$89,158
Personal Section Totals	\$165,009	\$173,259	\$338,268
PERSONAL TOTAL			\$338,268

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

B. Operating Expenses	2008-09	2009-10	COST
Training Required Financial Management	\$10,000 \$1,000	5,000	\$15,000 \$1,000
Production of flyers, brochures, etc	\$7,000	6,000	\$13,000
Operating Section Totals	\$18,000	\$11,000	\$29,000
OPERATING TOTAL			\$29,000

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

C. Equipment	2008-09	2009-10	COST
Full sized Handicapped Equipted Van	\$55,000		\$55,000
Maintenance/Gas for Van (.60/mile x 12,000)	\$7,200	7,200	\$14,400
Minivan Handicapped Equipted	\$50,000		\$50,000
Maintenance/Gas for Van (.55/mile x 12,000)	\$6,600	6,600	\$13,200
Equipment Section Totals	\$118,800	\$13,800	\$132,600
EQUIPMENT TOTAL			\$132,600
Total Project Cost			\$499,868

Memorandum of Understanding

OVW FY 2008

*Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault
and Stalking Assistance Program*

Stanislaus Family Justice Center

The collaborative partners in the Stanislaus Family Justice Center held their first meeting in November 2006 in response to the overwhelming growth of domestic violence and sexual assault cases in Stanislaus County. Each partner listed in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been involved in the planning process since that date, as the concept for the Stanislaus Family Justice Center grew out of an existing multi-disciplinary team of victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, human and community service providers, educational institution and health care providers who serve as members of the Stanislaus County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

Through the planning process, the DVCC learned that the Family Justice Center model is identified as a “best practice” in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services. The documented and published outcomes include: reduced homicides, increased victim safety, increased empowerment for victims, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, reduced recantation and minimization by victims, increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, and dramatically increased community support for service to victims and their children through the Family Justice Center model.

The partners worked in committees for 10 months according to their specialty area. The committees include Public Relations and Marketing, Operations, Site Selection, Management/Governance/Oversight, Finances, and Fundraising. Through the committee process, they developed a 27 page Stanislaus Family Justice Center Business Plan that is being actively implemented. Even though there are 11 main partners listed in this MOU, there are 48 individuals from agencies in Stanislaus County listed as partners in the project. Their names and affiliations are listed on the last 2 pages of this MOU.


As written in the project narrative and stated in the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Business Plan, the Executive Director will manage the Family Justice Center on a daily basis. S/he will be familiar with the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and the kind of support that will assist them with living safe, healthy and independent lives.

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will appoint a Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board, staffed by the Executive Director. The Commission will consist of 5 Community Members (1 from each Supervisorial District), Community Services Agency director, a county Supervisor, District Attorney, Doctors Medical Center CEO, Haven Women’s Center Executive Director, Mayor’s Commission representative, Modesto Chief of Police, Stanislaus County Sheriff, and Board President of Stanislaus Family Justice Center Foundation. Members of the commission board will serve 3-year terms.

As committed partners, the Stanislaus Family Justice Center will provide a safe and compassionate environment to foster hope and healing while raising public awareness and support. All partners listed in this MOU have approved the proposed project budget, are involved in the development of the application for grant funds, are committed to work together to achieve the stated project goals, and implementing all project activities as stated in their roles and responsibilities below:

Project Partners and Responsibilities:


1. Stanislaus County District Attorney: Prosecution of offenders of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Provide Victim Services program including court escort of victims, information and referral of victims to other agencies. Provide 3 prosecutors to be involved in continued planning, implementation and direct service at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. Serve as a member of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners. Serve as Lead Agency for the project. Provide data as to the number of victims receiving requested services funded by the Rural Program.



Birgit Fladager
District Attorney, Stanislaus County

2-25-08
Date

2. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office: Implement, expand and establish cooperative efforts with other project partners to thoroughly investigate incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault crimes. Serve as a member of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board. Deputies will provide referrals to Stanislaus Family Justice Center for individuals and families at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Provide a detective to be located at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners. Provide data as to the number and percentage of arrests relative to the number of police responses to domestic violence incidents.



Adam Christianson
Sheriff, Stanislaus County

2-25-08
Date

Haven Women's Center: Provide crisis intervention, intake, assessment, housing/shelter assistance, peer and long-term counseling, victim support, and advocacy. Provide bi-lingual English/Spanish Haven Advocate and up to 2 other case managers to be located at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. Provide education, outreach, and transportation to victims in rural areas with transportation barriers. Serve as a member of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board. Provide data for the number of referrals between child protective services workers and victim advocates. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners.

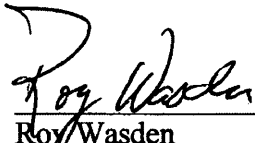


Belinda Rolich
Executive Director, Haven Women's Center

2/25/08

Date

- Modesto Police Department: Implement, expand and establish cooperative efforts with other project partners to thoroughly investigate incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault crimes. Serve as a member of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board. Officers will provide referrals to Stanislaus Family Justice Center for individuals and families at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Provide a detective to be located at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners. Provide data as to the number and percentage of arrests relative to the number of police responses to domestic violence incidents.

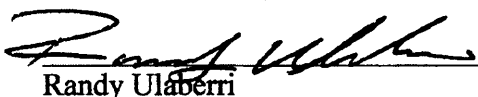


Roy Wasden
Chief of Police, Modesto Police Department

2-25-08

Date

- Newman Police Department: Implement, expand and establish cooperative efforts with other project partners to thoroughly investigate incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault crimes. Officers will provide referrals to Stanislaus Family Justice Center for individuals and families at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners. Provide data as to the number and percentage of arrests relative to the number of police responses to domestic violence incidents.




Randy Ulaberri
Chief of Police, Newman Police Department

2/25/08

Date

5. **Oakdale Police Department:** Implement, expand and establish cooperative efforts with other project partners to thoroughly investigate incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault crimes. Officers will provide referrals to Stanislaus Family Justice Center for individuals and families at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners. Provide data as to the number and percentage of arrests relative to the number of police responses to domestic violence incidents.

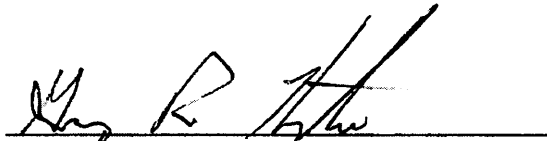


Marty West
Chief of Police, Oakdale Police Department

2-25-08

Date

6. **Turlock Police Department:** Implement, expand and establish cooperative efforts with other project partners to thoroughly investigate incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault crimes. Officers will provide referrals to Stanislaus Family Justice Center for individuals and families at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners. Provide data as to the number and percentage of arrests relative to the number of police responses to domestic violence incidents.

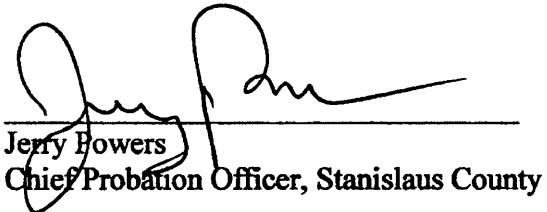


Gary Hampton
Chief of Police, Turlock Police Department

2/25/08

Date

7. **Stanislaus County Probation:** Supervision of offenders to insure completion of court ordered counseling, stay away orders, and to deter new criminal offenses. Probation Officers will provide referrals to Stanislaus Family Justice Center for individuals and families at-risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners.

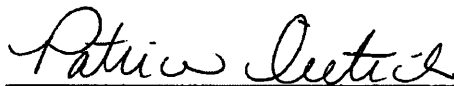


Jerry Powers
Chief Probation Officer, Stanislaus County

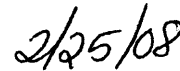
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8. Community Services Agency (Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, StanWorks): Provide agency staff at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center to offer employment and financial assistance, and information and referral to other community services for adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Provide protection and assessment of the safety of children in the home, protection and assessment of elders and dependent adults, and referrals to other agencies for prosecution and/or assistance. Provides staffing for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluations (CAIRE) Center which conducts forensic interviewing of child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, forensic medical examinations, referrals to Haven Women's Center and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services for assessments of the family. Serve as a member of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission Board. Provide data for the number of referrals between child protective services workers and victim advocates. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners.



Patrice Dietrich
Interim Director, Community Services Agency

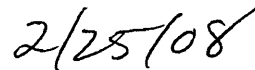


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9. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services: Provide mental health counseling and treatment to adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Provide data, as appropriate, regarding victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners.




Denise Hunt
Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

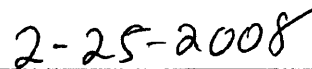


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10. Chaplaincy Services: Counseling and support for adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participate in all quarterly intensive trainings provided to all project partners.



Don Loudermilk
Chaplaincy Program, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office



Date

**Stanislaus Family Justice Center
Additional Development Partners**

- 1 CA State University, Stanislaus - Borrelli, Melissa
- 2 Catholic Charities/ SEAPA (Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance) - Ramos, Monica
- 3 Ceres Police Department - Borges, Michael
- 4 Chaplaincy Program / Modesto Police Department - Loudermilk, Don
- 5 Chaplaincy Program - Strong, David
- 6 Children & Families Commission - Sims, John
- 7 Children's Crisis Center, Children & Families Commission - Skol, George
- 8 City of Modesto / City Council - Keating, Janice
- 9 City of Modesto / City Council - O'Bryant, Will
- 10 City of Modesto / Mayor - Ridenour, Jim
- 11 City of Riverbank, City Council - Madueno, Virginia
- 12 Community Member (Ambeck Mortgage) - Amador, Patty
- 13 Community Member (Foster Farms) - Foster, Sue
- 14 Community Member - Paul, Pat
- 15 Community Member (Grant Writer) - Thomas Portwood
- 16 Community Member - Woodbury, Dee
- 17 Community Member (PMZ Real Estate) - Zagaris, Mike
- 18 Congressman Dennis Cordoza's Office and CAIRE Center - Mantarro-Moore, Lisa
- 19 Doctor's Medical Center Foundation - Miller, Jeanie
- 20 Doctor's Medical Center - Hall, Karen
- 21 Forensic Nurse Specialists, Inc. - Jessen, Margie
- 22 Haven Women's Center - Currie, Rachelle
- 23 Haven Women's Center - Marroquin, Jacquie
- 24 Haven Women's Center - Rico , May
- 25 Haven Women's Center - Rolicheck, Belinda
- 26 Modesto Police Department - Broumas, Joel
- 27 Modesto Police Department - Chamberlain, David
- 28 Modesto Police Department - McLaughlin, Paige
- 29 Stanislaus County - Behavioral Health and Recovery Services - Anderson, Jean
- 30 Stanislaus County, CEO Office - Nino-Reid, Monica
- 31 Stanislaus County, Community Services Agency - Harwell, Kathy
- 32 Stanislaus County, Community Services Agency - Patterson, Ken
- 33 Stanislaus County, Community Services Agency - Soeth, Christine
- 34 Stanislaus County, Community Services Agency - Stammler, Egon
- 35 Stanislaus County, Community Services Agency - Viss, Jan
- 36 Stanislaus County, Community Services Agency - Dietrich, Patrice
- 37 Stanislaus County District Attorney (Victim Services) - McDaniel, Gay
- 38 Stanislaus County District Attorney (Assistant D.A.) - Shipley, Carol
- 39 Stanislaus County District Attorney (IT) - Minior, John
- 40 Stanislaus County Office of Education - Bauman, Vicki
- 41 Stanislaus County Probation - Judy, Pete

- 42 Stanislaus County Public Health - Fisher, Nancy
- 43 Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office - Sikma, Larry
- 44 Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office (Bus) - Wirtz, Dan
- 45 Stanislaus County StanWORKs - Ramos, Angelica
- 46 Stanislaus County Superior Court - Tozzi, Michael
- 47 Stanislaus County Superior Court - Tucker, Jeanine
- 48 Turlock Police Department - Ravaglioli, Douglas