

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

DEPT: District Attorney

BOARD AGENDA #: \*B-8

AGENDA DATE: August 16, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Authorize the District Attorney to Accept the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Elder Abuse Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and Budget Year 2017-2018

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No.

2016-418

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King  
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent  Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_



4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the District Attorney to accept the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Elder Abuse Program grant.
2. Authorize the District Attorney to sign the grant award agreement, including any extensions or amendments.

**DISCUSSION:**

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Criminal Justice/Emergency Management & Victim Services Branch announced the release of the Elder Abuse Program (XE) Request for Application which is a result of the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015" bill that was signed into law in December 2014 raising the Crime Victims Fund cap allowing awards to states through the Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program. Cal OES Elder Abuse Program is awarding federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to enhance the safety of elder and dependent adult victims of crime by providing direct services to victims.

Elder and dependent adult abuse is a crime that continues to be under reported in Stanislaus County and across the nation. Under reporting by this population may be due to the victims having no remaining family members to report the abuse, the fear of retaliation from their care giver at home or in a nursing facility, the fear of losing their independence if reporting the crime makes others believe the victim can no longer care for themselves, afraid to upset family by reporting abuse by a family member and they may feel ashamed or embarrassed to talk about the abuse to anyone.

The objectives of this grant are to provide support for communities to improve their ability to identify the needs of victims of elder and dependent adult abuse and improve delivery of services by funding an Elder Abuse Victim Specialist solely dedicated to serving this population. The new Victim Specialist will be dedicated to: providing and coordinating direct services, expanding the communities' capacity to service this population, ensuring there is access to the criminal justice system and implementing an outreach awareness program for victims and mandated reporters along with others who come in contact with these victims.

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The grant requires a multidisciplinary collaboration with the following agencies represented:

- Law Enforcement
- District Attorney's Office
- Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Mental Health Service Provider
- Adult Protective Services
- Medical Health Care Provider
- Local Ombudsman Program
- Legal Services
- Community Based Victim Assistance
- Financial Management

On June 21, 2016, the District Attorney was notified that the grant was awarded to Stanislaus County. This grant will provide \$385,699 for the period of two budget years beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 to support the Elder Abuse Program.

The grant will fund:

- A Victim Advocate II position in the District Attorney's Office
- Training for the Victim Advocate
- 40% of a Civil Legal Attorney from the Senior Law Project
- 72% of a Coordinator from Catholic Charities Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance
- 10% of a Client Coordinator and Navigator from the Stanislaus Family Justice Center
- Emergency funds for transportation for victims
- Victim Advocate cell phone expense

There is a 20% non-cash match requirement of \$96,442 associated with the period of this grant that will be met through support agreements among the partners in this collaboration:

- Existing salaries and benefits of the Executive Director (10%), Office Manager (10%) and Attorney (5%) from the Stanislaus Family Justice Center
- Existing salaries and benefits of Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance Coordinator (28%)
- Existing salaries and benefits of the Program Coordinator from the District Attorney's Office (10%)
- Facility rental
- Office space

Additionally, the grant requires a General Fund contribution of \$15,574 for the two years of the contract: \$7,787 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and \$7,787 for Budget Year 2017-2018.

While this is a new grant, the Department previously received a grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services that funded the Elder Abuse Program. That grant was replaced with the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program which allowed the Department to maintain services to elder and dependent adult victims with the funding.

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**POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval by the Board of Supervisors in a separate Agenda Item is necessary for the District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program to accept the award for the Cal OES Elder Abuse Program grant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Elder Abuse Program grant provides a total of \$192,850 with a contribution from the General Fund of \$7,787 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and \$192,849 with a contribution from the General Fund of \$7,787 for Budget Year 2017-2018. The match requirement is consistent with the amount that has been contributed from the General Fund in previous years. It is recommended to show the match amount in the Elder Abuse Program budget. The Department will include the estimated revenue and appropriations with the 2016-2017 Final Budget. Grant funding awarded for Budget Year 2017-2018 will be included as part of the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget.

Previously County match of \$49,715 was budgeted in the District Attorney Department's General Fund budget; of which \$46,387 was allocated to the District Attorney - Criminal Division General Fund budget and \$3,328 to the District Attorney - Victim Services Program budget. For 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, the General Fund contribution was reduced for both of these budget units. The General Fund contribution will be reflected as follows for the budget units; \$23,027 in the District Attorney - Victim Compensation & Government Claims, \$16,700 in the District Attorney - Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and \$7,787 in the District Attorney - Elder Abuse Program Victim Advocacy and Outreach for a total of \$47,514. The total General Fund contribution has been reduced by \$2,201 for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

<b>Cost of recommended action:</b>	\$	401,273
<b>Source(s) of Funding:</b>		
Cal OES Elder Abuse Program Grant	<u>385,699</u>	
<b>Funding Total:</b>	\$	385,699
<b>Net Cost to County General Fund</b>	\$	15,574

<b>Fiscal Year:</b>	16-17 & 17-18
<b>Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:</b>	NO

**Fund Balance as of June, 2016** -

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

Approval of the recommended actions supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by providing assistance to elder and dependent adult victims of crimes and their families.

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**STAFFING IMPACT:**

One block budgeted Victim Advocate II position is being requested as part of the 2016-2017 Final Budget. The position will be effective for the life of the grant funding, including any extensions or renewals. This position will be allocated in the District Attorney – Elder Abuse Program Special Revenue Fund. Consistent with the Board's "No Backfill Policy," this grant does not create an ongoing General Fund obligation and if by Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Mid-Year the grant has not been extended or renewed, the Department will take action to delete this position effective no later than July 1, 2018 to ensure no general fund obligation materializes.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Birgit Fladager, District Attorney (209) 525-5550

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Cal OES Award Letter

# ATTACHMENT 1

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI  
DIRECTOR



June 21, 2016

Dave Harris  
Assistant District Attorney  
County of Stanislaus  
832 12th Street, Suite 300  
Modesto, CA 95354-2309

Dear Mr. Harris:

Congratulations! Your project has been selected to receive funding through the Elder Abuse (XE) Program of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Provided there are no successful appeals, and pending completion and/or revision of all required application forms, your agency will be awarded the requested amount of \$385,699 for the Grant Subaward performance period beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Elizabeth Manrique will be the Program Specialist assigned to your grant and will be contacting you within the next few weeks to assist you in finalizing this process. Additional information can be found in the Subrecipient Handbook on the Cal OES website at [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov).

We look forward to the successful implementation of this project. If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Elizabeth Manrique at (916) 845-8835 or via e-mail at [Elizabeth.Manrique@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Manrique@caloes.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Ghilarducci', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI  
Director