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August 3, 1999

BOARD AGENDA: August 17, 1999

The Honorable Jeff Almquist, Chairperson  
and Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Governmental Center  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

RE: FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 APPLICATION FOR VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/STATE BOARD OF CONTROL JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FUNDS AND OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING STANDARD AGREEMENT GRANT AWARD

Dear Chairperson Almquist and Members of the Board:

We are currently in the process of re-applying to the State Board of Control (SBOC) for fiscal year 1999-2000 funding for our Victims of Crime compensation program and to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for funding to operate our Victim/Witness Assistance Center. In the upcoming fiscal year, Santa Cruz County is eligible to receive \$188,974 from SBOC to implement the crime victim compensation program under the Joint Powers Agreement, which finances the salary, benefits and operating expenses of the Victim-Witness Assistance Center compensation claims staff. In addition, I am including recovery of indirect overhead charges from SBOC. In this grant **staffing** and essential operating expenses, which are required for this program, leave sufficient funds available for the recovery of indirect overhead costs.

For operation of the Victim/Witness Assistance Center, \$187,518 is available from the Office of Criminal Justice Planning. The Victim/Witness Assistance Program which offers financial, emotional and informational assistance to victims and witnesses of crime in Santa Cruz County. These services are fully funded by revenues from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP). Staffing and essential operating expenses required by the program leave sufficient funds available for the recovery of indirect overhead costs.

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Honorable Janet K. Beautz, Chairperson  
and Members of the Board of Supervisors  
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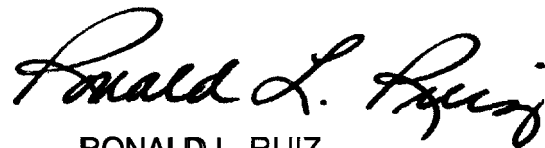
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A copy of our Joint Powers Agreement will be placed on file for your review with the Clerk of the Board. We will continue to notify your Board of any changes to the fiscal year 1999-2000 Joint Powers Agreement in accordance with applicable County procedures.

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the State Board of Control for funding for our Victim-Witness Assistance Center Victims of Crime compensation program;
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning for funding for operation of the Victim/Witness Assistance Center;
3. Include the requirement for the recovery of indirect costs from the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the operation of the Victim-Witness Assistance Center in fiscal year 1999-2000 pursuant to County Procedure Section 900A.3; and
4. Include the requirement for the recovery of indirect costs from the State Board of Control for the operation of the Victim-Witness Assistance Center Victims of Crime compensation program in fiscal year 1999-2000, pursuant to County Procedure Section 900A.3.

Sincerely,



RONALD L. RUIZ  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

  
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SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has designated the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center as the provider of major and comprehensive victim and witness services in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Control has selected the Santa Cruz County Victim/Witness Assistance Center to receive "joint powers" monies for the purpose of verification of victim claims:

WHEREAS, the State Board of Control has allocated \$188,974 for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 for the Santa Cruz County Victim/Witness Assistance Center for this specific task;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AND ORDERS that the District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz is authorized, on its behalf, to submit a Joint Powers Agreement to the State Board of Control to receive monies to operate a Victim Assistance Center, and is further authorized to sign for the purposes of making any extensions or amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant local funds that would, in the absence of the California Victim/Witness Assistance Program, be made available to support assistance to the victims of crime.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising from the Center's operations or services rendered pursuant to this contract, including civil court actions for damages shall be the responsibility of the grantee and the authorizing agency, except that the State Board of Control shall be responsible for any and all damages arising from or connected with its acts or omissions under the contract.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999, by the following vote:

VOTE :

AYES :

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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JEFF ALMQUIST  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

ATTEST : \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Assistant County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: District Attorney  
County Counsel  
Auditor, CAO

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDS BEGINNING JULY 1, 1999  
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2000 FOR A VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE  
OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz County desires to undertake a certain project  
designated the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, to be funded in part from funds made  
available through Chapter 1312, 1983 Statutes (California Victim/Witness Assistance  
Program) administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (hereafter referred to  
as OCJP).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AND ORDERS that the District  
Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz is authorized, on its behalf, to submit an  
application for state funds to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for a  
Victim/Witness Assistance Program, and is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board  
of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County the attached Grant Award Agreement, including any  
extensions or amendments thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant  
expenditures controlled by this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required  
for said project (including any amendments thereof) under the program and the funding  
terms and conditions of OCJP, and that the cash match will be appropriated as required.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award  
Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the  
grantee and the authorizing agency. The State of California and the OCJP disclaim  
responsibility for any such liability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State  
of California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999, by the following vote:

VOTE :

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT :

ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
JEFF ALMQUIST

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

ATTEST : \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. McRae 8-5-99

Assistant County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: District Attorney  
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