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September 29, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO
SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPT AWARD AGREEMENT FOR THE
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FY26 TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND DEAF
PEOPLE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATIONS
AND ASSURANCES**

(Fiscal Impact: \$600,000; Federal; Budgeted; Discretionary)

The District Attorney's Office is requesting your Board's adoption and authorization of the proposed resolution and authorization to submit grant application for the Office on Violence Against Women FY26 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2029. The objective of this grant is to provide training and information on domestic/dating violence and sexual assault against individuals with developmental disabilities and to enhance direct services to such individuals in the County of Kern.

If awarded, this grant fund totaling \$600,000 over three years will allow the District Attorney's Office to retain additional staff to provide direct services to individuals with developmental disabilities who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault; provide training to community organizations to better serve and identify adult victims with developmental disabilities; and enhance prevention and education. There is no match requirement for this program.

The County Administrative Office concurs with this request, and the grant agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the resolution and authorize the District Attorney to submit a grant application for the Office on Violence Against Women FY26 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program in the amount of \$600,000; authorize Chairman to sign the Certifications and Assurances; and authorize the District Attorney to execute all grant documents subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Zimmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" and last name "Zimmer" clearly distinguishable.

CYNTHIA J. ZIMMER,
District Attorney

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. _____

**AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT
ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO
THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN FY26 TRAINING AND SERVICES
TO END VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND
DEAF PEOPLE GRANT PROGRAM**

I, NANCY ANDERSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern,
State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor
_____, seconded by Supervisor _____, was duly passed and adopted by
the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at a regular meeting on the _____
day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

NANCY ANDERSON
County Administrative Officer
Clerk of the Board

Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The County of Kern desires to undertake a project designated as the Disability Grant Program to be funded from funds made available and administered through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women; and

(b) The grant focus is to provide training and information on domestic/dating violence and sexual assault against individuals with developmental disabilities and to enhance direct services to such individuals in the County of Kern; and

(c) The District Attorney requires the authority to execute the necessary documents in order to submit an application to receive grant funding; and

(d) The Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program is contingent upon proper execution of the "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government" by the Board; and

(e) The Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program is contingent upon proper execution of the "Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. 1373 by the Chief Legal Officer of the Applicant Government" by the County Counsel.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. The District Attorney of the County of Kern is authorized on behalf of this Board to submit the attached application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women and to sign grant application documents.

2. The District Attorney of the County of Kern is authorized on behalf of this Board to execute the Office on Violence Against Women Programs Standard Certifications Assurances and other related documents required under the terms of this grant.

3. The Board agrees that any liability arising out of the performance of the Grant Award contract, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grantee and the authorizing agency and that the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

4. This Board certifies that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this Board.

5. This Board will certify the FY26 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program Local Solicitation Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government no less than 30 days after the application was submitted for review.

6. This Board adopts the certification titled "State or Local: FY2026 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. 1373" executed by the Chief Legal Officer of the Applicant Government.

7. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the following:

County Administrative Officer
District Attorney
County Counsel

#2930194-KWH

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Grant Program FY26 Local Solicitation

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

(1) I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.

(2) I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.

(3) I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application—

a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;

b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and

c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

(4) The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition--

a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);

b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34

U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;

c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and

d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

(5) The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

(6) I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).

(7) I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.

(8) If this application is for an award from the National Institute of Justice or the Bureau of Justice Statistics pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to an institution of higher education (as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(17)), I assure that, if any award funds actually are made available to such an institution, the Applicant will require that, throughout the period of performance--

a. each such institution comply with any requirements that are imposed on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

b. subject to par. a, each such institution comply with its own representations, if any, concerning academic freedom, freedom of inquiry and debate, research independence, and research integrity, at the institution, that are included in promotional materials, in official statements, in formal policies, in applications for grants (including this award application),

for accreditation, or for licensing, or in submissions relating to such grants, accreditation, or licensing, or that otherwise are made or disseminated to students, to faculty, or to the general public.

(9) I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--

a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and

b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

(10) If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law--including, but not limited to, the Indian Self- Determination and Education Assistance Act--seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).

(11) If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require. I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

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Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of
Local Government

Phillip Peters
Printed Name of Chief Executive

County of Kern
Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government

Date of Certification

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Title of Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the Project (30%)

Kern County is the third largest county in California located in the Southern Central Valley with an estimated population of 927,068 and is spread over 8,134 square miles (U.S. Census Bureau, 2025) with one-third of the population residing in rural areas. The target area for this project is the County of Kern that is made up of the City of Bakersfield, and many smaller cities and towns that experience lack of resources due to their remote areas and smaller populations. Historically, resources for specialized services and populations have been centered in the City of Bakersfield due to higher population and density of criminal activity, leaving the other half of the County's population with limited support for individuals with disabilities.

Data collected within the target area illustrate that domestic violence and sexual assault are prevalent in Kern County. From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, the Kern County District Attorney's Office filed 3,396 criminal complaints involving interpersonal violence: 3,208 domestic violence and 188 adult sexual assault cases in the target area. However, those with developmental disabilities are underrepresented and under-documented due to the overwhelming complexities of the criminal justice system and misidentification by law enforcement and service providers. Although the Victim Services Unit assists many more cases that do not reach the criminal prosecution stage, the numbers of victims that have self-identified as having a disability are low compared to recent disability and crime statistics. In the last two years, the Victim Services Unit assisted the 4,481 domestic violence and 695 adult sexual assault victims (of all ages) that have reported to law enforcement, 199 of which reported disabilities (cognitive, physical or mental) (VOCA reporting data, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2026). Comparatively, the 2024 American Community Survey shows that 11.9% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population in Kern County (or 105,368 individuals) have at least one disability, which is higher than the entire State

of California. Ambulatory difficulty, cognitive difficulty and independent living difficulty were reported at rates above 5% of the total reporting population. Supporting the disabled population in Kern County are the Kern County Aging and Adult Services Adult Protective Services, Kern Regional Center and Bakersfield ARC. Kern County Aging and Adult Protective Services program has assisted 3,043 dependent Individuals aged 18-59 from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, who have been alleged victims of dependent adult abuse or neglect (includes domestic violence and sexual assault). Kern Regional Center assisted 12,847 adult clients of differing disabilities with diagnosis, assessment and supportive resources during the fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Bakersfield ARC serves between 300 to 350 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities on a yearly basis with employment, supportive living and benefit coordination.

There are still many victims with disabilities who are reluctant to report crimes of abuse and neglect for many reasons-lack of understanding of the abuse that is taking place; they may depend on their abuser; fear of speaking up, fear of not being believed; or the limits that their disability may place on communicating their victimization. A study completed by the Journal of Policy Practice (*Understanding the Experience of Crime Victims with Disabilities and Deaf Victims*, 2011) showed that 36% of cases involving interpersonal violence never reached law enforcement and there was a need for training related to disability awareness and appropriate accommodations. Similarly, U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics data supports lower percentages of reporting by persons with disabilities compared to those without disabilities (*Crime Against Persons with Disabilities, 2009-2019-Statistical Tables*, 2021) There is a clear gap in identification and criminal justice involvement which can be closed by enhancing service provider engagement, prevention and education efforts in the community (particularly in rural outlying areas), and coordinated supportive services.

Although there are many agencies within the County of Kern that have established working relationships and multi-disciplinary teams to address elder abuse, there is a need to enhance and expand these relationships and conversations to address education and training needs, best practices, and prevention efforts that align with current policy and practices established at the Federal, State and local levels of government.

An article from the Sacramento Bee illustrated how budget cuts at the Federal, State, County and City level have an impact on available personnel who respond and provide direct services to victims of crime (*Looming budget cuts threaten critical victim services across California*, April 11, 2025). Reduction in grant funding over the last two years has decreased County staffing levels and responses. Subsequently, the unit has experienced increasing caseloads resulting in limited resources for victims in the target area, specifically those experiencing misdemeanor offenses. The number of crime victims in need of services largely outweighs the amount of funding and personnel to adequately support programs that assist victims. The Kern County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit has continued to see a steady increase in victims served from 5,064 to 7,274 (VOCA reporting data, 2018-2025). Additionally, limitations with VOCA reporting do not currently support the ability for the Kern County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit to identify specific disabilities in relation to crime types. Funding made available through this grant will allow for enhanced reporting capabilities on demographic data to expand and target specific disabilities and demographics of those we serve in the target area.

This project will allow the Kern County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit to expand victim services assistance and community responses in the target area to support Individuals with developmental disabilities who have been affected by domestic violence and sexual assault through coordinated multi-disciplinary service delivery with agencies that specialize

in serving individuals with disabilities. Goals and objectives will focus on expanding the availability of direct services through additional personnel, victim advocacy, and coordinated referrals; the identification and response to developmentally disabled Individuals victims of interpersonal violence through reporting enhancements, multi-disciplinary team engagement; and service provider engagement; and enhance training efforts in the target area by attending OVW-sponsored training, community outreach, and prevention and education efforts.

2. What will be done (35%)

Overall Project Goal: End domestic violence and sexual abuse against developmentally disabled individuals in the County of Kern by enhancing victim advocacy and intervention services, increasing identification of victims with disabilities, and broadening knowledge throughout the community to better serve the target population.

Goal 1: To enhance victim advocacy services in the County of Kern for developmentally disabled individuals to reduce the risk of domestic violence homicides and interpersonal crimes.

Objective 1.1 – Retain Personnel: Within the first six months of the project period, the Project Director will retain one and one-half Victim Witness Services Specialists (Victim Advocate) to provide direct services to the target population, expanding the accessibility and availability of victim services under the supervision of the Victim Services Unit Program Coordinator. The need for additional personnel can be justified by the number of victims our unit has served, and the percentage of disabled individuals reported in the service area. The goal is to expand the availability of services by designating one and one-half advocates to assist adult victims with developmental disabilities, including misdemeanor domestic violence and sexual assault to mitigate the cycle and escalation of violence by contacting 100% of misdemeanor cases filed resulting in increased victim participation in direct services and criminal justice involvement by

50% thus increasing the safety and well-being of vulnerable individuals in our community. This will be measured by personnel records, time sheets, performance statistics and filing statistics through our central case management system and county audit system. Assignment to this project will depend on the ability to pass a background check, level of experience and ability to complete the training required to work with victims of crime to ensure the highest level of competency to perform project activities. Victim Advocates will be responsible for collecting statistical information on victims served under this project in compliance with post-award reporting requirements, and reporting on activities conducted (case studies, outreach, training and significant meetings) for semi-annual performance reports.

Objective 1.2 - Victim Advocacy: Over the thirty-six-month project period, Victim Advocates will provide direct services in collaboration with participating agencies to enhance the availability of services to victims of the target population in the service area, as measured by reports on activities performed, case management files and performance statistics. Victim Advocates will work under the direction of the Project Director and supervision of the Victim Services Unit Program Coordinator to provide and coordinate direct services. Services will include case management, safety planning, criminal justice advocacy, California Victim Compensation application assistance, mental health and medical referrals, transportation, protection order assistance, and resource and referral assistance.

The part-time Victim Advocate will complete initial intake and address immediate needs for all clients requesting services by phone, email or identified in a criminal case in the service area within 72 hours, utilizing our central case management system to maintain records of communication, assessments and services provided. The full-time Victim Advocate will follow up with victims within 7 days of referral, prioritizing cases with bodily injury or safety, high-risk

concerns and upcoming court hearings; be available for walk-ins during operating hours; follow-up with clients monthly to track fluctuating needs of victims and address emerging safety concerns; coordinate the provision of services with supporting agencies to address other service needs and continuum of care upon victim consent; and work closely with law enforcement and prosecutors to ensure victim safety and justice. Victim Advocates will complete a needs assessment during first contact upon victim consent to determine the following: safety concerns, service needs, transportation needs, accommodations, and housing stability. This assessment model will assist the Victim Advocates during case management, allowing individualized service coordination and will be re-evaluated monthly. The goal is to make successful contact with 75% of victims referred to our unit by the Kern County District Attorney's Office, community agencies, and law enforcement to offer supportive services and resources to the target population. This will be measured by reports on activities performed, case management files and performance statistics.

Objective 1.3 – Coordinated Referrals: Over the thirty-six-month project period, Victim Advocates will coordinate with participating agencies to identify services needs for victims and coordinate appropriate referrals, upon victim consent. Law enforcement and Kern County District Attorney Investigators will be available to take reports of criminal offenses, respond to emergencies and communicate with Victim Advocates regarding investigation status or follow up interviews and evidence.

Other community service partners will include Kern Regional Center, a non-profit contracted by the State of California through the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to coordinate community-based services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; Bakersfield ARC, a non-profit serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through inclusive and supportive services that promote independence and well-being

of disabled victims while also serving as a vital resource hub as experts in their field; Bakersfield Recovery Services, a non-profit victim service provider partnered with the Kern County Family Justice Center to provide confidential case management and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and Kern County Aging and Adult Services, a local social service provider. Victim Advocates funded under this program will work to enhance communication and service coordination in collaboration with project partners with the goal of increasing access to program services for victims and increasing inter-agency referrals in the service area by 5% each quarter (60% increase by end of project period). Participating agencies will send requests for referrals to the project funded Victim Advocates, upon consent of the victims. Referrals will be tracked and recorded over the project period to measure inter-agency collaboration through referral logs.

Goal 2: To increase identification and reporting of individuals with developmental disabilities who have experienced interpersonal violence to enhance community responses.

Objective 2.1 – Reporting Enhancements: Within the first three months of the project period, the Project Director will enhance reporting capabilities within the Kern County District Attorney’s internal case management system to better identify specific demographics in relation to victimizations. The current reporting system lumps broad categorical statistics, which reduces our ability to pull detailed analytical data. An existing professional service contract with Karpel will expedite the technical assistance needed to generate new reports and will be funded through this project. The goal is to generate service reports that will expand broad categories of demographics and special classifications such as disabilities, language and relationships to offenders by breaking them down into individual reporting categories to allow a more detailed view of demographics related to specific victimizations. The Project Director will review reporting quarterly to determine

if additional reports will be required to meet project goals and objectives. This will be measured by procurement documentation and OVW required reporting.

Objective 2.2 – Multi-Disciplinary Team Engagement: Over the thirty-six-month project period, Victim Advocates and the Project Director will collaborate with participating agencies under this project to enhance collective efforts to provide direct services to the target population and training throughout the County of Kern. To improve the overall response to adult victims with developmental disabilities, project partners will join the Kern County Disability Collaborative monthly meetings within the first three months of the project period to improve service coordination, provide information on this project to the wider community and keep up to date on policy and practices.

In addition, project partners and supporting agencies will meet monthly throughout the thirty-six-month project period to develop training, outreach and service strategies and standards. The goal of multi-disciplinary team engagement is to address holistic and victim-centered responses, enhance training efforts, identify risk-reduction strategies and strengthen inter-agency communication to reduce the victimization of our target population. In addition, supporting law enforcement agencies and Tribal organizations will be encouraged to participate in monthly meetings to provide input on this project's training program throughout year one and address criminal justice responses including investigation, arrest, prosecution, and enforcement of protected orders throughout the County of Kern and in small town, rural/remote areas and tribal communities with limited resources during the last two years of the project. This will be measured by meeting documentation, activity reports and performance statistics.

Objective 2.3 – Service Provider Engagement: Over the thirty-six-month project period, the Project Director will meet with community stakeholders including law enforcement, prosecutors,

State and local government, and community service providers to expand project participation, elevate professional relationships, allow for open communication and enhance timely referrals to services thus improving victim safety and offender accountability. The goal is to increase the number of participating agencies within the project by at least 50% by the end of the project period. To achieve this goal, organizations within the County of Kern will be invited to participate in the project meetings to discuss the development and implementation of training programs, and community outreach, that will focus on this project's target population. This will be measured by meeting documentation, activity reports, internal data collection, performance statistics and Memorandum of Understandings.

Goal 3: To enhance training efforts and technical assistance for law enforcement, prosecutors, direct service providers and community organizations to better serve and recognize adult victims with developmental disabilities.

Objective 3.1 –Cross-Training: Within the first year of program, funding will be made available for project participants to attend OVW-Sponsored Training and Technical Assistance Events, upon availability, to better address responses to victims with disabilities. The Project Director will be responsible for leading the development and implementation of cross-training events with the assistance of the Victim Advocates, under the supervision of the Program Coordinator, and project partners. Project participants will have the opportunity to provide insight and feedback on training needs, practices, victim safety and offender accountability during regularly scheduled monthly meetings to ensure shared visions, clear roles and responsibilities, realistic timelines and effective learning objectives.

Upon the second year of the program, cross-training and technical assistance will be offered and provided to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local

government, attorneys, health care providers, population specific organizations, faith-based leaders, Victim Advocates, victim service providers, courts, and first responders that serve residents in the County of Kern. Training will be held at least once every two months (or six times annually) to increase project participation, enhance learning opportunities, and encourage multi-disciplinary approaches to serving victims in our community. This will be measured by meeting documentation, activity reports, and participant surveys. Travel expenses will be reimbursed for training to project partners upon successful completion and invoice.

Goal 4: To increase knowledge and understanding for those with developmental disabilities of available services in the community and how to identify when they are being abused.

Objective 4.1 – Community Outreach: Within the thirty-six-month project period, Victim Advocates and project partners will participate in community events and outreach in the service area to deliver education on personal safety, prevention, and victimization reduction. Through presentations, resource distribution, and direct community engagement, they will provide individuals with practical strategies to recognize abuse of individuals with developmental disabilities and risks, enhance personal safety, and reduce their likelihood of becoming victims of crime. These efforts will strengthen community awareness, promote proactive crime prevention, and foster collaborative partnerships. Activities will include informational fliers, brochures and pamphlets that focus on prevention and education specific to the target population and will be provided to the public, community agencies and victims; upon approval by OVW. Participating agencies will meet with the Project Director to discuss and implement strategies that will aid in the development of deliverables. This will be measured by deliverables, activity reports, number of participants and time sheets.

3. Who will implement the project (20%)

The Kern County District Attorney is led by the District Attorney Cynthia J. Zimmer, elected official, for the County of Kern. Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kinzel provides oversight to the business department for fiscal management and supervises the Administrative Services Officer. Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Russell provides oversight into the Victim Services Unit. The Administrative Services Officer Mayra Hernandez directs the Administrative Division. For the past five years, Administrative Services Officer has managed grant budgets and financial reporting, ensuring compliance with grant requirements, county policies, and funding guidelines. Including budget monitoring, reimbursement requests, financial reconciliations, contract administration, and coordinating with program staff to ensure grant funds are properly utilized and accurately reported.

The Victim Services Program Supervisor (Project Director) Kayla Pinkston directs the Victim Services Unit which operates programs aimed to assist victims of crime in the County of Kern, providing program oversight for grants, budgets, program staff and client services; has extensive experience with identifying and implementing victim service improvements over 9 years at the Kern County District Attorney's Office as a Victim Advocate, Program Coordinator and Program Supervisor in victim advocacy, leadership, program implementation, grant and budget management, and reporting; supervises the Program Coordinator; and will be responsible for implementing and monitoring the proposed project, ensuring that grant-funded staff are meeting project goals and objectives, accurate and timely data collection and reporting in compliance with the Office on Violence Against Women requirements. The Project Director will work closely with the Administrative Services Officer to ensure financial reports are submitted to meet grant requirements and to oversee the proposed project.

The Victim Services Program Coordinator Adriana Talamantez has supervised Victim Services Unit and Family Justice Center staff since January 2025 and has nearly seven years' experience as a Victim Advocate. Ms. Talamantez has experience supervising staff, overseeing client services, implementing program goals and objectives, collaborating with stakeholders, monitoring data entry, and reporting. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for supervising the Victim Advocates throughout the project period and monitoring project activities.

The Victim Advocates, supervised by Victim Services Program Coordinator Adriana Talamantez, will have at least 30 semester or 45 quarter units of college court work or one year of experience in a field related to victim services, community social service programs/projects, or criminal justice related work. Upon employment, they will be required to complete 40+ hours of training in Victim Advocacy. They will assist with direct services for the target population; coordinate client services with community agencies; ensure timely and accurate data entry; and submit quarterly reports to the Project Director reflecting project activities conducted.

Project partners and supporting agencies including Kern County Aging and Adult Services and non-profit organizations Kern Regional Center, Bakersfield ARC, Bakersfield Recovery Services, Bakersfield American Indian Health Project and Law Enforcement will work together to advance the project's goals by:

- Supporting collaborative efforts to address adult victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with developmental disabilities.
- Attending regularly scheduled meetings to discuss strategies, timetables and implementation of training programs and services.
- Participating in community outreach within the target area.

- Conducting cross-training for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of State or units of local government, attorneys, health care providers, population specific organizations, faith-based leaders, victim advocates, victim service providers, court and first responders to better serve the target population.
- Participating in OVW-Sponsored Training and Technical Assistance events, upon availability.
- Carrying out all program goals, objectives and duties as outlined in the project proposal and this Memorandum of Understanding.

Through coordinated efforts under this project, the Kern County District Attorney's Office and partnering agencies will advance training, victim advocacy, criminal justice and community responses to widespread and under-reported interpersonal violence affecting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Standard Applicant Information**Project Information**

Project Title	Proposed Project Start Date	Proposed Project End Date
2026 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program	10/1/26	9/30/29
Federal Estimated Funding (Federal Share)	Applicant Estimated Funding (Non-Federal Share)	Program Income Estimated Funding
600000.0	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Funding		
600000.0		

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

No items

Type Of Applicant**Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

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Melissa

Application POC Middle Name**Application POC Last Name**

Drescher

Application POC Suffix Name**Organizational Affiliation**

Kern County District Attorney

Title

Accountant

Email ID

mdrescher@kernda.org

Phone Number**Fax Number**

661-868-2702

ORINumber

Executive Order and Delinquent Debt Information

Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372? *

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

Is the Applicant Delinquent on Federal Debt?

No

SF424 Attachments (3)



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Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative Information

Prefix Name

First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix Name

Mayra ————— Hernandez —————

Title

Administrative Services Officer

Verify Legal Name, Doing Business As, and Legal Address

Legal Name

KERN COUNTY DIST ATTORNEY OFFICE

Doing Business As

UEI

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Legal Address**Street 1**

1215 TRUXTUN AVE

Street 2**City**

BAKERSFIELD

State

CA

Zip/Postal Code

93301

Congressional District

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Country

USA

Certification

The legal name + Doing Business As (DBA) and legal address define a unique entity in the system as represented in its entity profile. The profile legal name and address is applicable to ALL applications and awards associated to this fiscal agent.

1. If this information is correct confirm/acknowledge to continue with completion of this application.

I confirm this is the correct entity.

Signer Name

Melissa Drescher

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2. If the information displayed does not accurately represent the legal entity applying for federal assistance:

- a. Contact your Entity Administrator.
- b. Contact the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) to update the entity legal name/address.

3. If the above information is not the entity for which this application is being submitted, Withdraw/Delete this application. Please initiate a new application in Grants.gov with using the correct UEI/SAM profile.

Proposal Abstract

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The Kern County District Attorney's Office proposes to participate in the Office on Violence Against Women's FY 2026 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program to enhance victim advocacy and intervention services to individuals with developmental disabilities who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault in the County of Kern.

There is a need in Kern County for this program due to under-reporting, limited staffing levels to support this population, and lack of training available. Training programs and multi-agency responses are needed to address the prevalence of interpersonal violence, under-reporting and vulnerabilities that affect victims with disabilities, especially in rural areas that lack adequate resources. Budget cuts at the Federal, State, County and City level have impacted available personnel (county-wide) who respond and provide direct services to victims of crime and disabled individuals, resulting in the need for Victim Advocates.

The Disability Grant Program's goals are to enhance victim advocacy services in the County of Kern for developmentally disabled individuals to reduce the risk of domestic violence homicides and interpersonal crimes; improve identification and reporting of individuals who have experienced interpersonal violence to enhance community responses; enhance training efforts and technical assistance for law enforcement, prosecutors, direct service providers and community organizations to better serve and recognize the target population; and increase knowledge and understanding for those affected of available services in the community and how to identify when they are being abused.

Funding made available through this grant will allow for the retention of victim advocates to provide direct service and coordinated referrals; expand our County's multi-disciplinary team coordination for individuals with developmental disabilities; allow for professional training to partnering staff to implement cross-training for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and community organizations; provide targeted outreach in the community; and enhance reporting capabilities.

Data Requested with Application

> Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Proposal Narrative



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Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget / Financial Attachments

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative



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Pre-Agreement Cost

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Non-competitive Justification

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Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

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Consultant Rate Justification

No documents have been uploaded for Consultant Rate Justification

Financial Management Questionnaire (Including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

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Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

No documents have been uploaded for Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

Additional Attachments

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Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Other Supportive Documents

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Additional Application Components**Proof of 501(c) Status (Nonprofit Organization Only)**

No documents have been uploaded for Proof of 501(c) Status (Nonprofit Organization Only)

Confidentiality Notice Form

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No documents have been uploaded for Confidentiality Notice Form

Additional Attachments

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Disclosures and Assurances**No Lobbying Activities**

The applicant is not required to submit a lobbying disclosure under 31 U.S.C. 1352 for this application.

No documents have been uploaded for Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Summary of Other Federal Funding

Does the applicant have any current or recent awards or pending applications with OVW (as either a recipient or subrecipient), or any current federal awards or pending applications to do the same or similar work?

Yes. The applicant has one or more of the following: 1) an OVW grant or cooperative agreement that is open or closed within 12 months of the date this funding opportunity closes; 2) a subaward under an OVW grant or cooperative agreement that is open or closed within 12 months of the date this funding opportunity closes; 3) a pending OVW application as either the lead applicant/potential recipient or as a partner/potential subrecipient; 4) a federal award to do the same or similar work; or 5) a federal application to do the same or similar work.

Federal Awarding Agency and Component	Award or Pending Application	Award or Application Number	Federal Grant Program	Award End Date or Proposed Project Period	Award or Requested Amount	Award Amount Remaining at Time of Application Submission, if applicable	Grant-Funded Positions (Individual/s and Job Title/s)	Describe how this project differs from the application for OVW funding, if applicable
No items								

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances



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CERTIFIED STANDARD ASSURANCES

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

(1) I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.

(2) I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.

(3) I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--

- a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;
- b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and
- c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

(4) The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition--

- a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
- b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;
- c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and
- d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

(5) The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

(6) I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with

the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and

Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).

(7) I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.

(8) If this application is for an award from the National Institute of Justice or the Bureau of Justice Statistics pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to an institution of higher education (as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(17)), I assure that, if any award funds actually are made available to such an institution, the Applicant will require that, throughout the period of performance—

- a. each such Institution comply with any requirements that are imposed on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and
- b. subject to par. a, each such institution comply with its own representations, if any, concerning academic freedom, freedom of inquiry and debate, research independence, and research integrity, at the institution, that are included in promotional materials, in official statements, in formal policies, in applications for grants (including this award application), for accreditation, or for licensing, or in submissions relating to such grants, accreditation, or licensing, or that otherwise are made or disseminated to students, to faculty, or to the general public.

(9) I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application—

- a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
- b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

(10) If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law—including, but not limited to, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act—seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).

(11) If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

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DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE
WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS; COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED AGENCIES**

Applicants should refer to the regulations and other requirements cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations or other cited requirements before completing this form. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department") determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as implemented by 28 C.F.R. Part 69, the Applicant certifies and assures (to the extent applicable) the following:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If the Applicant's request for Federal funds is in excess of \$100,000, and any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the Applicant shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its (and any DOJ awarding agency's) instructions; and

(c) The Applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subgrants and procurement contracts (and their subcontracts) funded with Federal award funds and shall ensure that any certifications or lobbying disclosures required of recipients of such subgrants and procurement contracts (or their subcontractors) are made and filed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

A. Pursuant to Department regulations on nonprocurement debarment and suspension implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, and to other related requirements, the Applicant certifies, with respect to prospective participants in a primary tier "covered transaction," as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), that neither it nor any of its principals--

(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) has within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, tribal, or local) transaction or private agreement or transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects its (or its principals') present responsibility;

(c) is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, tribal, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and/or

(d) has within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, tribal, or local) terminated for cause or default.

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application. Where the Applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, the Applicant also must disclose such felony criminal conviction in writing to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at OJP-Grants@ojp.doe.gov; for OJP Applicants, to OJP at OJP-Grants@ojp.doe.gov or for OJP Applicants, to OJP at OJP-Grants@ojp.doe.gov).

OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; for OJP Applicants, to OJP at ojpcompliance@usdoj.gov; for OJP COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPS@usdoj.gov, unless such disclosure has already been made.

3. FEDERAL TAXES

A. If the Applicant is a corporation, it certifies either that (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at ojpcompliance@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPS@usdoj.gov).

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application.

4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 C.F.R. §§ 83.620 and 83.650:

A. The Applicant certifies and assures that it will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace by--

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in its workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about--

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the award be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the award, the employee will--

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the Department, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of any such convicted employee to the Department, as follows:

For COPS award recipients - COPS Office, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20530;

For OJP and OVW award recipients - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 999 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC 20531.

Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected award;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

5. COORDINATION REQUIRED UNDER PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

As required by the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, at 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(5), if this application is for a COPS award, the Applicant certifies that there has been appropriate coordination with all agencies that may be affected by its award. Affected agencies may include, among others, Offices of the United States Attorneys; State, local, or tribal prosecutors; or correctional agencies.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

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Other Disclosures and Assurances

Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

No documents have been uploaded for Other Disclosures and Assurances

Declaration and Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice as to this Application Submission

By [taking this action], I --

1. Declare the following to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), under penalty of perjury: (1) I have authority to make this declaration and certification on behalf of the applicant; (2) I have conducted or there was conducted (including by the applicant's legal counsel as appropriate, and made available to me) a diligent review of all requirements pertinent to and all matters encompassed by this declaration and certification.

2. Certify to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are true as of the date of this application submission: (1) I have reviewed this application and all supporting materials submitted in connection therewith (including anything submitted in support of this application by any person on behalf of the applicant before or at the time of the

application submission and any materials that accompany this declaration and certification); (2) The information in this application and in all supporting materials is accurate, true, and complete information as of the date of this request; and (3) I have the authority to submit this

application on behalf of the applicant.

3. Declare the following to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant: (1) I understand that, in taking (or not taking) any action pursuant to this declaration and certification, DOJ will rely upon this declaration and certification as a material representation; and (2) I understand that any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement in this declaration and certification (or concealment or omission of a material fact as to either) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies under the federal False Claims Act (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and/or §§ 3801-3812) or otherwise.

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Other

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	Name Talamantez Resume.pdf	Category Other Attachments	Created by Melissa Drescher	Date Added 09/16/2026
	Name Hernandez Resume.docx	Category Other Attachments	Created by Melissa Drescher	Date Added 09/16/2026
	Name Pinkston Resume.pdf	Category Other Attachments	Created by Melissa Drescher	Date Added 09/16/2026
	Name LOCAL GOVERNING BODY REVIEW 2026.doc	Category Other Attachments	Created by Melissa Drescher	Date Added 09/16/2026

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A. PERSONNEL

Name/Position	COMPUTATION	COST
(1) Victim Witness Services Specialist	\$1,178.38 per week x 156 weeks = \$183,827.30	\$183,827.00
(0.5) Victim Witness Services Specialist-Extra Help	\$1,178.38 per week x 156 weeks x 50% = \$91,913.64	\$91,913.00
TOTAL PERSONAL		\$275,740.00

The Victim Witness Services Specialist positions fill the roles of Victim Advocates and will dedicate 100% of their time provide direct services to victims; advocacy services and case management; needs assessments; provide resources and referral services; crisis intervention; assistance with form completion; court and interview accompaniment; and transportation. 1.5 positions have been budgeted with a weekly salary of \$1,178.38 per week for 3 years.

B. FRINGE BENEFITS

ITEM	COMPUTATION	COST
(1) Victim Witness Services Specialist	\$183,827.30 x 72.26%	\$132,834
(0.5) Victim Witness Services Specialist	\$91,913 x 5.53%	\$5,083
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS		\$137,917

Benefits for the 1.5 Victim Witness Services Specialist positions include retirement, FICA, Health, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance (see percentage above).

C. TRAVEL

	LOCATION	ITEM	COMPUTATION	COST
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance (required for new grantees)	Location and cost TBD	Location and cost TBD	Location and cost TBD	\$3,000.00
TOTAL TRAVEL				\$3,000.00

According to the requirements in the solicitation for this program, \$3,000 out of the total \$15,000 in OVW mandated technical assistance and training funds have been allocated to cover the travel cost for staff. The remaining amount of \$12,000 has been allocated for partner travel and can be found in Section G of this form. The exact locations of the trainings are currently unknown. Travel estimates have been made using our formal written travel policy.

D. EQUIPMENT

	COMPUTATION	COST
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TOTAL EQUIPMENT		\$0.00

E. SUPPLIES

	COMPUTATION	COST
Office Supplies	\$250/month x 1% x 36 months	\$900.00
Training and Outreach Materials	\$4,000 x 3 years @ \$1 per brochure	\$12,000.00
Advocate Business Cards	\$250 x 2 staff	\$500.00
Client Assistance Kits	\$50 per kit x 150 kits	\$7,500.00

Electronics	\$267 x 2 staff	\$534.00
Outreach Supplies	\$500 x 3 years	\$1,500.00
Sensory and Disability Friendly Items	\$400 x 3 years	\$1,200.00
Laptop for Bilingual Elder Abuse Advocate	\$1,799 + Tax and Fees x 1 Laptop	\$2,000.00
Cell Phone	\$629.99 + Tax and Fees x 2 staff	\$1,400.00
Ipad	\$1049.99 + Tax and Fees x 2 staff	\$2,500.00
TOTAL SUPPLIES		\$30,034.00

Office Supplies are needed for the general operation of the program and are shared amongst all office staff. The FTE allocation rate for shared costs incurred by all staff in this budget is 53% (based on total FTEs in the office is 15 FTEs, and total FTEs in this budget is 1.5 FTEs, so $1.5 / 15 = 0.1$, or 1%). Monthly costs for Office Supplies at \$250/month are estimated based on historical data. Charges to the grant will be based on the actual supplies purchased and actual percentage of staff time worked on the project (not budgeted amounts).

Business cards will be purchased for Victim Advocates to network and communicate with victims/partners. Estimate based on historical data is \$250/box per staff member.

Brochures on elder abuse services will be limited to \$4,000 per year @ \$1 per brochure will be distributed to clients, partner organizations, and other locations throughout the community, upon OVC approval.

The Client Assistance Kits will be provided to clients who receive services for elder abuse. These kits will contain toiletries and other personal hygiene products. Estimate based on historical data is \$50/kit.

Electronics (headphones and camera) will be purchased for Victim Advocates to attend virtual meetings and trainings. Portable charger will be used by Victim Advocates while providing in-field support and allow victims to charge their phones. Estimate based on historical data is \$267 per staff member.

Outreach Supplies will be purchased to provide Victim Advocates and partners with the necessary items to attend outreach and community events. Estimated cost will include tables, chairs, canopies, wagon, table clothes, bins, flier/brochure holders and signs. Estimate based on historical data is \$500 per year, as necessary.

Sensory and disability items will be purchased to provide victims with coping mechanisms and accommodations during interviews, while testifying in court or while receiving services. Estimate based on historical data is \$400 per year.

Cell phones and iPads will be purchased for use by the Victim Advocates to communicate with victims, law enforcement, prosecutors and community agencies; to allow victims to access internet services. Estimate based on historical data \$700 per device.

Laptop will be purchased to allow the Victim Advocates to track and record case management while in the field. Estimate based on historical data \$2,500.

G. SUBAWARDS

SUBRECIPIENT NAME	COMPUTATION	COST
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Kern County Aging and Adult Services		
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance (required for new grantees)	Location and cost TBD	\$4,000.00
Local Mileage to Conduct Cross Trainings and Meetings	400 miles x \$0.725/mile X 2 staff x 3 years	\$1,740.00
Kern County Aging and Adult Services Subaward Total		\$5,740.00
Kern Regional Center		
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance (required for new grantees)	Location and cost TBD	\$4,000.00
Local Mileage to Conduct Cross Trainings and Meetings	400 miles x \$0.725/mile X 2 staff x 3 years	\$1,740.00
Kern Regional Center Subaward Total		\$5,740.00
Bakersfield ARC		
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance	Location and cost TBD	\$4,000.00
Local Mileage to Conduct Cross Trainings and Meetings	400 miles x \$0.725/mile X 2 staff x 3 years	\$1,740.00
Development of Training Materials		
Bakersfield ARC Subaward Total		\$5,740.00
Bakersfield Recovery Services		
OVW-Mandated Training and Technical Assistance (required for new grantees)	Location and cost TBD	\$4,000.00
Local Mileage to Conduct Cross Trainings and Meetings	400 miles x \$0.725/mile X 2 staff x 3 years	\$1,740.00
Bakersfield Recovery Services Subaward Total		\$5,740.00

OVW-mandated technical assistance and training funds have been allocated in line with the budget requirements set forth in the solicitation. To cover the cost of travel for partner staff, we have budgeted \$16,000 of the required \$15,000 for them to attend. The training session locations are currently unknown. Travel estimates are based on the subrecipient's formal written travel policy.

It is expected that the partner agencies will use a privately owned vehicle for local program mileage when traveling to conduct cross trainings and attend meetings. The rate for mileage reimbursement is calculated based on Kern County's Mileage Reimbursement Rate of \$0.725/mile and is estimated to be around 400 miles per year for a period of 36 months for 2 staff.

TOTAL SUBAWARDS	\$22,960.00
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H. PROCUREMENT CONTRACT

ITEM-Contracts	COMPUTATION	COST
Ipad Monthly Service	\$26.66 per month x 36 months x 2 iPads	\$1,920.00
Cell Phcne Monthly Service	\$21.38 per month x 36 months x 2 phones	\$1,540.00

ASL Interpretation	\$95/hr x 20/hr x 3 years	\$5,700.00
Project Designer	\$32/hr x 1040/hr x 1 year	\$33,280.00
TOTAL CONTRACTS		\$42,440.00

iPad monthly internet services for Victim Advocates to communicate with victims, law enforcement, prosecutors and community agencies; to allow victims to access internet services. Estimate based on historical data \$26.66 per month.

Cell phone monthly internet service for Victim Advocates to communicate with victims, law enforcement, prosecutors and community agencies; to allow victims to access internet services. Estimate based on historical data \$21.38 per month.

Qualified sign language interpreters charge approximately \$95 per hour, and we anticipate using interpreters approximately 20 hours per year, based on past use and allowing for a 5% increase in usage over past years.

Project Designer is budgeted to assist with the development of professional training materials during the first year of the project. This cost is estimated based on the current salary rate in the State of California for a Project Designer at \$32/hour with estimated time spent on the project at 20 hours per week. Internal resources will be used to minimize this cost.

I. OTHER COSTS

Item	COMPUTATION	COST
Bus Vouchers	\$3.55/ticket x 30/month x 36 months & \$30.00/booklet x 10/month x 36 months	\$14,634.00
Emergency Housing Assistance	\$1500/client x 10 clients	\$15,000.00
Meal Vouchers/Grocery Gift Cards	\$100/client X 90 clients	\$9,000.00
Custom Reports	\$1,000 per report x 2 reports	\$2,000.00
TOTAL OTHER COSTS		\$40,634.00

Bus Vouchers are estimated at a cost of \$3.55 per regular day pass and \$30.00 per ten trip Get-A-Lift paratransit increase access to service appointments for therapy, group support, criminal justice and civil events, and social services. We project distributing 20 vouchers per month on an as-needed basis. Vouchers are kept in a locked safe, inventoried by the Program Coordinator, and require a signature for distribution by the Program Coordinator or Program Supervisor.

Funds have been budgeted to provide emergency housing assistance to at least 20 clients throughout the grant period. Each client will receive up to a maximum allowance of \$1500 to assist with paying for emergency shelter (one-time emergency assistance).

Funds have been budgeted to provide meal vouchers and/or grocery gift cards to 90 clients throughout the grant period at \$100 maximum allowance (one-time emergency assistance).

Funding has been allocated for the development of custom reports in Karpel to measure program goals and objectives and meet OVW reporting requirements.
 Estimate based on historical data \$1,000 per report.

J. INDIRECT COSTS

DESCRIPTION	COMPUTATION	COST
Budgeted to 47,275	$600,000 - 47,275 = 552,725 \times .15 = 82,908.75$ (47,275 due to budget)	\$47,275.00
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS		\$47,275.00

BUDGET CATEGORY		AMOUNT
A. PERSONNEL		\$275,740.00
B. FRINGE BENEFITS		\$137,917
C. TRAVEL		\$3,000.00
D. EQUIPMENT		\$0.00
E. SUPPLIES		\$30,034.00
G. SUBAWARDS		\$22,960.00
H. PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS		\$42,440.00
I. OTHER COSTS		\$40,634.00
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS		\$552,725.00
J. INDIRECT COSTS		\$47,275.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$600,000.00