
proposal - \$750,000 federal grant for victim-witness protection

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PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION AND USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS — \$750,000 Subject: Training, Accountability Measures, Victim-Centered Programs, and Structural Reforms Prepared by: Christine H. Taylor a victim /witness in Case People v. Alfred Desi Martinez, Case No. 26BFA01915

I. PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL This proposal establishes a comprehensive plan for deploying the federal grant to strengthen victim-witness protection, prevent witness tampering, improve deputy conduct, and provide trauma-recovery resources for victims harmed or re-victimized by Sheriff's Deputies.

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II. BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR ACTION Victims in Kern County have repeatedly experienced failures including non-enforcement of protective orders, witness tampering, victim reversal, retaliatory arrests, trauma inflicted by deputy misconduct, and lack of accountability. These failures violate federal victim-protection standards and create significant liability for the County.

III. PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS A. Mandatory Training Program for Sheriff's Deputies — \$350,000 Training includes victim-witness protection standards, trauma-informed response, domestic-violence mandatory arrest laws, Penal Code §136.1 enforcement, evidence-based decision-making, prevention of victim reversal, and enforcement of protective orders as written.

B. Accountability and Oversight Mechanisms — \$200,000 Funds establish an internal review unit, mandatory disciplinary protocols, incident-tracking systems, and quarterly audits submitted to your office and the Board of Supervisors.

C. Victim-Witness Protection Enhancements — \$150,000 Funds support rapid-response safety checks, enhanced documentation systems, and coordination with the DA's Victim-Witness Unit.

IV. ADDITIONAL VICTIM-CENTERED PROGRAMS A. Independent Trauma-Recovery Program — \$100,000 Provides licensed trauma therapy, EMDR, crisis stabilization, and long-term recovery for

victims traumatized by deputy misconduct.

B. Victim Legal Advocacy Unit — \$75,000 Assists victims with wrongful-arrest correction, misconduct complaints, record-clearing, and legal advocacy.

C. Deputy Misconduct Reporting Portal — \$50,000 A secure, anonymous system for reporting witness tampering, retaliation, victim reversal, and protective-order enforcement failures directly to the DA.

D. Victim Safety Rapid-Response Team — \$75,000 A team independent of the Sheriff's Office that responds when deputies fail to enforce protective orders or misclassify victims.

E. Body-Camera Audit Program — \$50,000 Supports independent review of deputy body-cam footage and identification of misconduct patterns.

F. Victim Compensation Fund — \$50,000 Provides financial relief for victims harmed by deputy misconduct, including wrongful arrest, trauma, injury, or loss of employment.

G. Domestic-Violence & Witness-Tampering Task Force — \$50,000 A multi-agency task force focused on identifying deputies who fail to enforce DV laws and tracking witness-tampering patterns.

H. Supervisor-Level Victim-Centered Training — \$25,000 Training for supervisors on identifying victim reversal, disciplining deputies, and ensuring federal grant compliance.

I. Community Oversight Board — \$25,000 A civilian board empowered to review complaints, recommend discipline, and publish quarterly reports.

J. Victim Transportation & Relocation Support — \$25,000 Supports emergency relocation, transportation to court, and safe housing when deputies fail to protect victims.

V. EXPECTED OUTCOMES This expanded plan will reduce witness tampering, prevent victim reversal, improve deputy conduct, provide trauma recovery, increase accountability, strengthen prosecution outcomes, reduce county liability, and improve public trust.

VI. REQUEST FOR FORMAL ADOPTION I respectfully request that your office formally adopt this updated proposal, issue directives requiring the Sheriff's Office to implement all outlined measures, and establish oversight to ensure compliance and measurable outcomes. I also request that this proposal be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for public review and adoption.

Please advise if you require further detail or wish to schedule a meeting to discuss implementation.

Respectfully, Christine H. Taylor

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Date 10/1/20

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