

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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**TO:** Office of the City Administrator  
**ATTN:** Deborah A. Edgerly  
**FROM:** Department of Human Services  
Oakland Police Department  
**DATE:** April 22, 2008

**RE: Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate \$95,701 From The State Of California Governor's Office Of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement And Victims Services Division For Domestic Violence Prevention And Response Services Coordinated With The Violence Prevention And Public Safety Act Of 2004 And**

- 1) **Authorizing The City Administrator To Amend The 2007-08 Agreement Between The City Of Oakland And Family Violence Law Center To Indicate That \$47,851 Of Fiscal Year 2007-08 Funding Is From The State Of California; And To**
- 2) **Extend The Current Contract With Family Violence Law Center Until December 31, 2008 For \$47,850**

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### SUMMARY

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) have secured a grant for \$95,701 for one year from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division for the Family Violence Intervention Unit (FVIU). This unit is currently operated in coordination with the Oakland Police Department and an Oakland nonprofit organization, the Family Violence Law Center (FVLC). State funding will be combined with funds from Measure Y, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004, to support the full FVIU program. Specifically, the grant supports three out of the five members of the FVIU Family Advocate Team at the Family Violence Law Center's offices at the Alameda County Family Justice Center. The advocates provide crisis intervention, resources and referral services, emergency assistance and restraining order assistance to Oakland victims of domestic violence. After the initial 12 month period (January 1 – December 31, 2008), and contingent on successful performance, the City may re-apply for another twelve months of funding for the 2009 calendar year.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to accept and appropriate \$95,701 in California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division funds, which will be used in combination with Measure Y services and program to support the Family Violence Intervention Unit. The funds will be appropriated in State of California Grant Fund (2159), Youth and Family Services Division Org (102350),

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Criminal Investigations (PS03), Miscellaneous Contract Services Account (54919), in a project to be determined.

There is no impact on the General Fund. These funds are fully cost covering. The Department of Human Services currently contracts with the Family Violence Law Center to implement the Family Violence Intervention Unit with \$491,214 in funds made available from Measure Y for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Accepting this \$95,701 grant would enable the Department of Human Services to reduce the Measure Y funds allocated for this program and granted to the Family Violence Law Center to \$443,363.5 for Fiscal Years 2007-08 while maintaining the current funding level of \$491,214 (\$443,363.5 is from Measure Y and \$47,851 will now be from the State). The State is requiring the City amend the current fiscal year FVLC contract to extend the dates of service and commitment of \$47,851 for three of the FVIU advocates to December 31, 2008. The State does require a 25% in-kind match in funding for the program which the City of Oakland provides through Measure Y funds.

## **BACKGROUND**

### California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services mission is to ensure the state is ready and able to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of emergencies that threaten lives, property, and the environment. The purpose of the Law Enforcement Specialized Unit funding applied for here is to continue the efforts of law enforcement agencies to enhance or create specialized units to focus a special effort on the handling of violent crimes against adult women, including sexual assault, stalking, domestic, and dating violence.

### Measure Y

On June 7, 2005, City Council approved specific program recommendations for Measure Y *funded violence prevention programs*. The recommendations included allocating funds to existing violence prevention programs and allocating funds to community based organizations or public agencies through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. City Council approved the specific organizations to be funded in each program strategy on May 2, 2006 and funding began on July 1, 2006. Among those funded was the Family Violence Law Center to implement the Family Violence Intervention Unit. FVLC has successfully implemented the Family Violence Intervention Unit for the past five years, two of which were funded through Measure Y. The Department of Human Services is anticipating returning to the City Council to approve funding for the Family Violence Law Center to continue to operate the Family Violence Intervention Unit for Fiscal Year 2008-09 as part of the larger Measure Y report and request for continuation of funding in June of this year.

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## KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Since 2002, OPD and FVLC have provided domestic violence advocacy and crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and their children through the FVIU. During the FY 2006-2007 program year, FVIU Victim Advocates received and responded to 7,521 domestic violence-related police reports in the City of Oakland, far surpassing the goal to respond to at least 1,300 cases. FVIU Advocates responded to 82% of all reports that included felonies and misdemeanors within 48 hours. Advocates provided essential crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy, shelter and housing assistance and referrals to 1,227 domestic violence victims via phone or in-person during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. In addition, the FVIU provided immediate in-person assistance through the Overnight Emergency Response Team (ONERT) to 70 individuals in crisis. OPD officers trained in domestic violence advocacy in 2006-07 surpassed the target of 400, reaching 566.

For the purposes of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division grant, the goal of the OPD -FVIU partnership continues to be the reduction of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crime by increasing perpetrator accountability and enhancing victim services. In order to continue meeting this goal in 2008, three Family Violence Intervention Unit Advocates are expected to meet the following objectives and contribute the following activities for 2008:

- The FVIU Investigator-Advocate Team will investigate at least **1,500** cases of suspected sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking.
- FVIU Advocates will contact 100% of cases involving felonies and misdemeanors (at least **738** clients) to offer advocacy.
- FVIU Advocates will provide advocacy, including crisis intervention (**900**), resource/referral assistance (**270**), emergency assistance (**60**), and restraining order assistance (**150**) to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- FVIU staff will provide **40** trainings to at least **500 OPD** officers.

## SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

**Economic:** Providing support for victims of domestic violence will increase their economic stability by linking them to organizations that can provide them with housing, support, child care, job training and job placement.

**Environmental:** No environmental impacts are expected at this time.

**Social Equity:** The Family Violence Intervention Unity provides victims of domestic violence with social equity by empowering and supporting them in their efforts to leave violent and destructive relationships.

**DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

All activities sponsored by this grant will be fully accessible.

**RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to amend the current Fiscal Year 2007-08 agreement between the City of Oakland and the Family Violence Law Center to indicate that \$47,851 of Fiscal Year 2007-08 funding is from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division and to extend the current contract until December 31, 2008 for \$47,850.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

That City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to amend the current Fiscal Year 2007-08 agreement between the City of Oakland and the Family Violence Law Center to indicate that \$47,851 of Fiscal Year 2007-08 funding is from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division and to extend the current contract until December 31, 2008 for \$47,850.

Respectfully submitted,



**WAYNE TUCKER, Chief  
Oakland Police Department**

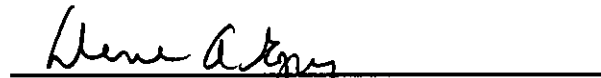


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**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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Approved as to Form and Legality

Oakland City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$95,701 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIMS SERVICES DIVISION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES COORDINATED WITH THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 2004 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND THE 2007-08 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND FAMILY VIOLENCE LAW CENTER TO INDICATE THAT \$47,851 OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FUNDING IS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND TO EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2008 FOR \$47,850**

**WHEREAS**, Oakland voters passed Measure Y, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004, a ten year initiative providing funding to violence prevention services including community based prevention programs and community policing officers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division has generously awarded a grant to the Oakland Police Department for \$95,701 for 12 months commencing January 1, 2008 to provide advocacy and support services through the Family Violence Intervention Unit for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services believes this type of support will greatly enhance the effectiveness and improve the outcomes of the Measure Y investments; and

**WHEREAS**, through a previous competitive Request for Proposals process Family Violence Law Center was deemed most qualified and competent entity to implement said program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Violence Law Center in partnership with the Oakland Police Department has successfully implemented the Family Violence Intervention Unit for the past five years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Family Violence Law Center currently has a grant agreement for \$491,214 of Measure Y funds to implement the Family Violence Intervention Unit in Fiscal Year 2007-08, and this amendment will replace \$47,851 of those Measure Y funds with State Office of Emergency Services funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Office of Emergency Services will provide \$47,850 to the City to support three Family Violence Intervention Unit Advocates at the Family Violence Law Center for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2008-09; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the aforesaid grant in the amount of \$95,701 to support a portion of the Family Violence Intervention Unity commencing January 1, 2008 for 12 months; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to accept and appropriate any additional funding related to this grant that may become available; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the aforesaid grant in the amount of \$95,701 into State of California Grant Fund (2159), Youth and Family Services Division Org. (102350), Criminal Investigations (PS03), Miscellaneous Contract Services Account (54919), in a project to be determined; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Family Violence Law Center indicating \$47,851 of Fiscal Year 2007-08 funds is granted from the State for the purpose of providing a portion of the Family Violence Intervention Unit program funded by the Measure Y: Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 and extending the dates of service and \$47,850 in funding for three Family Violence Intervention Unit Advocates until December 31, 2008; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, payment requests and related actions which may be necessary in accordance with its basic purpose; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That said agreement shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California