

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Dan Lindheim
From: Oakland Police Department
Date: January 27, 2009

Re: **A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing, And Coordination Center (CALICO) In The Amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$24,999) For the Period of July 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2009, To Provide Forensic Interviews, Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Investigations, Family Support Services, Community Outreach, And Training To The Oakland Police Department**

SUMMARY

A report and proposed resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to enter into a grant agreement with the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center (CALICO) to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training to the Oakland Police Department (OPD) for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this grant agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$24,999, have been appropriated in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund (2910), the Office of the Chief of Police Organization (101110), Miscellaneous Services Account (53719), Federal Asset Forfeiture Project (H76020), Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01).

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1997 as a not-for-profit organization, CALICO brings law enforcement, child-welfare workers, and prosecutors together to respond collaboratively to child abuse allegations, hear children's testimonies, and link children and families with therapeutic, medical, and legal support services throughout the County of Alameda.

The Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center is an accredited child advocacy center (the only one serving Alameda County) with its main facility in San Leandro, and a satellite office at the Alameda County's Family Justice Center in Oakland.

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The four components of CALICO are:

- *Forensic interviews* - CALICO conducts approximately 600 forensic interviews annually with children and developmentally delayed adults who are victims of abuse. CALICO is an accredited child advocacy center, and the only one serving Alameda County's population of 1.5 million residents. A bilingual staff of six Child Interview Specialists possess a combined 32 years of experience at CALICO and have conducted 250-1,500 forensic interviews.
- *Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Investigations and Response* - Collaboration is a core principle guiding CALICO's work; each year operating agreements are signed with 27 partnering agencies, each mandated to respond to child abuse allegations. Day-to-day collaboration occurs through participation at the forensic interview and attendance at monthly program advisory and case review meetings to discuss policies and programming, and share information regarding the investigation, status and service needs of specific clients/families.
- *Family support services* - CALICO's family support services are based on the premise that one of the best ways to support abused children is to support their caregivers. In July 2008, the organization hired its first full-time trilingual (English/Spanish/Tagalog) Family Resource Specialist (FRS). The FRS serves as a clinical case manager, in that she has the clinical skills to provide on-site assessments and determine family needs, and the case management skills to connect families with relevant resources to meet those needs.
- *Community outreach* - CALICO routinely reaches out to community and civic organizations (e.g., faith-based organizations, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, schools, etc.) to conduct informational sessions about child abuse and the services CALICO provides.
- *Training* – Each year CALICO hosts a one-day training at which over 125 participants attend to increase their skills in child abuse investigation, response, and treatment. This year's event was held on Thursday, November 6, 2008, and featured Dr. Tom Lyon, University of Southern California Law School, who spoke on abuse recantation. In addition, CALICO provides ongoing training in forensic interviewing, multidisciplinary investigations, and the legal requirements around mandated reporting of suspected child abuse.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

CALICO plays an integral part in the Department's efforts to combat child abuse. Minimizing the trauma to abused children, improving coordination of child abuse case investigations, and supporting children and their families in receiving appropriate medical, legal, and therapeutic services are crucial elements in combating cases of abuse (see Attachment A for statistics).

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During the period of January 1, 2008 through December 15, 2008, CALICO interviewed 676 children and developmentally delayed adults; 141 or 20.8% of those youth and adults being Oakland residents.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The scope of services to be provided to the OPD by CALICO will be:

- Accept referrals from OPD for children and developmentally delayed adults abused within the City of Oakland;
- Conduct forensic interviews with at least 30 children abused or witnessing violence within Oakland. The interviews will be conducted at CALICO's main office in San Leandro or satellite office at the Family Justice Center and by trained Child Interview Specialists;
- Provide OPD with a DVD and audio recording of each forensic interview;
- Provide on-site and follow-up support (including at least one telephone call post-interview) to the caregivers of at least 23 (75%) of the children interviewed; and
- Facilitate an in-depth multi-disciplinary team review of at least 3-5 OPD cases.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or senior access issues contained in this report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Social Equity: Conducting more efficient investigations will assist in ensuring that offenders receive more stringent sentences which will remove them from the community, thereby making it safer.

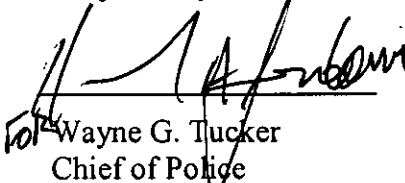
Economic: By making the City safer, consumers will be more likely to shop and conduct business in Oakland, which will have a positive effect on the economy.

Environmental: There are no environmental concerns associated with this report.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

Staff recommends acceptance of this report, and approval of the proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with CALICO, in an amount not to exceed \$24,999 to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training to the Oakland Police Department for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

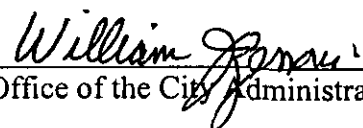

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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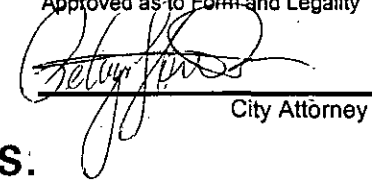
ATTACHMENT A

CALICO Statistics

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Jan- June 2008*	Projected 2008*	AVE
TOTAL INTERVIEWS	596	685	609	616	585	588	611	547	371	742	620
OPD JURISDICTION INTERVIEWS											
Number	178	215	185	185	154	156	132	122	68	136	163
Percentage of Total	29.9%	31.4%	30.4%	30.0%	26.3%	26.5%	21.6%	22.3%	18.3%	18.3%	26.3%
CASE REVIEW											
Total Interviews Reviewed	92	116	118	90	53	68	66	66	37	74	83
OPD Interviews Reviewed	34	50	41	20	16	32	9	15	6	12	25
% of Total Interviews Reviewed	37.0%	43.1%	34.7%	22.2%	30.2%	47.1%	13.6%	22.7%	16.2%	16.2%	30.8%
% of Total OPD Interviews	19.1%	23.3%	22.2%	10.8%	10.4%	20.5%	6.8%	12.3%	8.8%	8.8%	15.7%
* Please note that the Jan-June 2008 data include only six months of data. The projected 2008 figures are doubled from the previous column											

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

2009 JAN 15 PM 12:59 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD ABUSE LISTENING, INTERVIEWING, AND COORDINATION CENTER (CALICO) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$24,999) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009, TO PROVIDE FORENSIC INTERVIEWS, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS, FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND TRAINING TO THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center (CALICO) is an accredited child advocacy center (the only one serving Alameda County) with its main facility in San Leandro, and a satellite office at the Alameda County's Family Justice Center in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, CALICO plays an integral part in the Oakland Police Department's efforts to combat child abuse by minimizing the trauma to abused children, by improving coordination of child abuse case investigations, and supporting children and their families in receiving appropriate medical, legal, and therapeutic services; and

WHEREAS, during the period of January 1, 2008 through December 15, 2008, CALICO interviewed 676 children and developmentally delayed adults; 141 or 20.8% of those youth and adults being Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement for services provided by CALICO to the Oakland Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$24,999 will support CALICO's annual operating budget of \$750,000 ; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$24,999 have been identified in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund (2910), the Office of the Chief of Police Organization (101110), Miscellaneous Services Account (53719), Federal Asset Forfeiture Project (H76020), Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council does hereby authorize the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland's Police Department, to enter into a grant agreement with CALICO, in an amount not to exceed \$24,999 to provide forensic interviews, multi-disciplinary child abuse investigations, family support services, community outreach and training to the Oakland Police Department for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland,
California