

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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MEREDITH LINTOTT, District Attorney

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUDGET UNITS

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MISSION

Programs: The Mendocino County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to ensure the safety of our communities through the prevention of crime and the vigorous prosecution of crime, at all times maintaining high ethical standards to ensure that justice is accomplished in all cases. The District Attorney must respond to and assist all victims of crime, paying special attention to the special needs of women, children, the mentally ill and elderly victims of vicious crime. The District Attorney also advises the Grand Jury in its investigations.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR

Programs: The District Attorney's Office has been successful in sending serious offenders to state prison. Most notably: Raff received 50 years to life for the murder of Virginia Larkin; and Flitcroft, for the murder of Brittany Syfert, received 40 years to life. Embezzlers, sex offenders, drug dealers, and gangsters have received substantial state prison sentences. Our Child Abduction Unit has been active this year in returning several children to their parents. The District Attorney has instituted, with the collaboration of our school districts, a truancy program: Attendance Improvement Monitoring, "AIM," designed to increase school attendance thereby reducing crime. A new diversion program through Western Corrections has been made available to assist first-time, low level offenders with the opportunity to receive a value based education and community service as punishment for their actions.

Public Trust: The District Attorney's Office has offered trainings to law enforcement and Project Sanctuary. Deputy District Attorneys have been active in coaching moot court competitors, speaking at the Reality Check program, as well as the Every 15 Minutes program. The District Attorney's Office has sent representatives to participate in community and agency collaborative groups such as the Gang Resistance is Paramount (GRIP) program, and the Domestic Violence Council. The District Attorney has joined the Policy Council on Children and Youth (PCCY), the Mendo-Lake Alternative Services Board and Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. Asset forfeiture monies have been donated to the Youth Project (counseling and teen drug court programs), Friends of Teen Drug Court, and the Jr. Trap Shooters Club. The District Attorney and deputies have attended Parole Hearings to oppose the release of dangerous criminals. Press releases and interviews have been given to our local media so that the public is aware of the progress of our cases.

Practices: Criminal case filings have increased 9%. This increase in caseload has required extra commitment from both the attorneys and staff, as the budget for 2007-08 required the Office to work with one less attorney and one less victim witness advocate for the entire period. Deputy District Attorneys are working closely with the Victim Witness Advocates and the victims of crime to ensure their needs are met. Attorneys, investigators and staff have attended educational seminars to improve their effectiveness and service to the public.

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People: This period was the first one for the Mendocino County Public Attorneys' Association. The deputy district attorneys are now civil service employees with the protections afforded by the Teamster's Union. We have completed the process of rewriting the classifications for the attorneys and for the chief deputy district position. As noted above, most of the year the office was short staffed. Nevertheless, the attorneys and investigators were able to attend educational training to advance their careers and courtroom effectiveness.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES FOR 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR

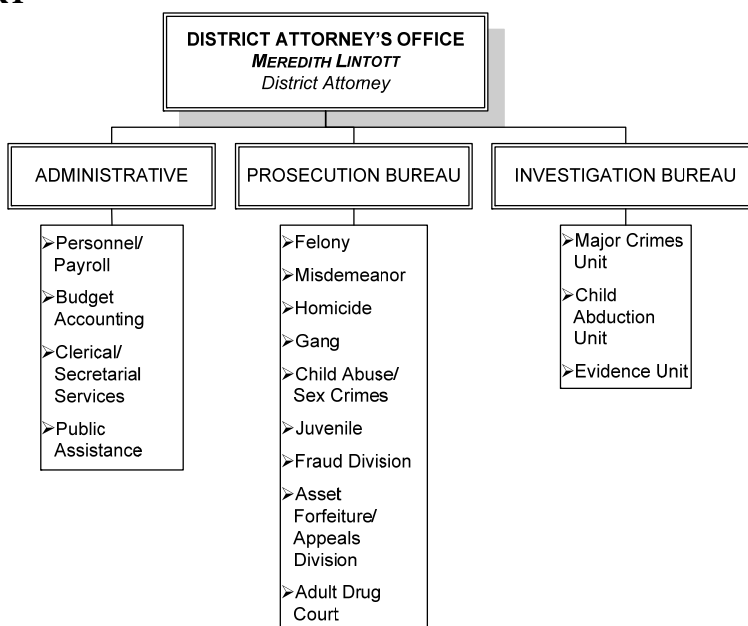
Programs: Continue with aggressive prosecutions to protect the public and engage with the community to prevent crime. We will pursue grant funding for worker's compensation and insurance fraud cases. Our office will become a MCLE provider so that we can receive continuing education credits for local training provided by legal experts. Through collaboration with the Mendocino County Probation Department, implement a youthful offender program to teach living skills and values to juveniles so that they become productive members of the community.

Public Trust: Involvement in community forums and programs for the prevention of crime will continue and expand. The Office will work to update its website to provide more information to the public and the media.

Practices: The Policy and Practices Manual will be updated and revised. Committees will be formed to address internal, complex issues. Training will be emphasized to obtain convictions to protect the public.

People: We are requesting an additional support staff member to relieve the increased burden on existing staff (we have been chronically short staffed for 5 years, due to the deletion of 2 positions in March, 2004). A new Senior Department Analyst will be selected (the position has been vacant since November, 2007).

PROGRAM CHART



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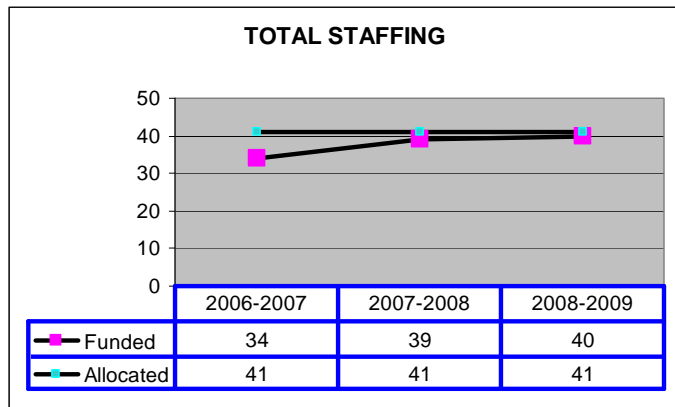
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BUDGET UNIT 2070 SUMMARY

Fund: 1100

	Actual 2005-06	Actual 2006-07	Adopted 2007-08	Actual 2007-08	Recommend 2008-09	Adopted 2008-09
Salaries & Employee Benefits	3,375,858	3,351,000	3,797,929	3,552,096	3,980,494	3,980,494
Services & Supplies	632,376	553,501	659,963	460,557	630,497	630,497
Fixed Assets	152,706	99,066	12,000	8,387	0	4,039
Expend Transfer & Reimbursements	-6,559	-4,140	-15,000	2,200	-15,000	-15,000
Net Appropriations	4,154,381	3,999,427	4,454,892	4,023,240	4,595,991	4,600,030
Revenues	644,135	567,127	445,400	574,669	354,660	408,699
Total Net County Cost	3,510,246	3,432,300	4,009,492	3,448,571	4,241,331	4,191,331

STAFFING CHART



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FINAL BUDGET ~ MAJOR BUDGET CHANGES

(2008-09 Recommended Compared to 2008-09 Adopted)

During the Final Budget Deliberations the Board of Supervisors approved the Recommended Budget from the Executive Office for the District Attorney.

Salaries & Employee Benefits

- ◇ Acct. 1011 Provides funding for 40 full time positions. 1 position will remain vacant for 2008-09. Increase of \$182,565 from prior year for salaries and benefits.

Fixed Assets

- ◇ Acct. 4370 Provides for the purchase of fixed assets from Asset Forfeiture funds. 2008-09 final budget includes increase appropriation in the amount of \$4,039. Decrease of \$7,961 from prior year. \$17,659 in Acct 2230 funded for 15 computers and a RVI interface to be purchased with asset forfeiture funds.

Revenues

- ◇ Acct. 3310 Use of Asset Forfeiture monies for fixed assets.
- ◇ Acct. 5463 Estimate of Homicide Trail reimbursement from the State.
- ◇ Acct. 5670 Federal Prosecution Support funding.
- ◇ Acct. 7700 Revenue from DMV and Fraud Prosecution funding.

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ANTI-LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM DRUG ABUSE 0465

MEREDITH J. LINTOTT, District Attorney

GRANT DESCRIPTION

The Anti-Drug Abuse Law Enforcement Program (ADA) is funded by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES). This grant promotes a coordinated approach between law enforcement and prosecution to combat drug sales, manufacturing, and distribution of all commercial drugs (e.g. heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, LSD) with the exception of marijuana cases. Emphasis is on convicting violent and serious offenders and enforcing drug control laws. The assigned Deputy District Attorney, DA Investigator and Legal Secretary work closely with the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force, the investigating agency for ADA cases, and the ADA Steering Committee.

GRANT INCEPTION DATE July 1, 1993
CURRENT GRANT PERIOD July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009
SOURCE OF FUNDS Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)
CONTINUITY OF GRANT Ongoing, with annual RFA allocation.

GRANT RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISIONS

Grant does allow for indirect or overhead costs. Unfortunately, the Mendocino County appropriation has been further reduced to 30% of the funding received in FY 2007-08. The District Attorney's Budget Unit 2070, Line Item 862239 (Special Dept. Expense, i.e. Grant Support) will need to support this program by contributing \$44,362.

EMPLOYEES	(full time equivalent)	Grant Funded	General Funds
Deputy District Attorney IV	1.00	60%	40%
District Attorney Investigator	.24	80%	20%
Legal Secretary	.50	60%	40%

GRANT FUNDING AND BUDGET

Revenues:

Grant Funding	\$ 90,007	
DA Budgetary Support of ADA	\$ 44,362	BU 2070, Line Item #862239

Expenditures:

Personnel:	\$126,869
Operating Expenses:	0
Capital Expenditures: <i>(Equipment)</i>	0
Other Costs-Audit:	1,500
Indirect Costs:	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$134,369

Total Projected Program Costs = \$134,369

COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED No
COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT None
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REQUIRED Yes

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CHILD ABUSE VERTICAL PROSECUTION 0448

MEREDITH J. LINTOTT, District Attorney

GRANT DESCRIPTION

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) funds the Vertical Prosecution Grant. Counties are allowed to choose from five designated components. In prior years the District Attorney's Office was funded for Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution (SRVP). In FY 2006-07, the program was expanded to Child Abuse Vertical Prosecution (CAVP), which mandates vertical prosecution for child abuse cases. The Mendocino County District Attorney's Office uses the option of "Unit" Vertical Prosecution to accomplish this task. Vertical Prosecution has been shown to improve conviction rates, reduce trauma to victims, and provide more consistent and appropriate sentencing.

GRANT INCEPTION DATE July 1, 2006

CURRENT GRANT PERIOD July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

SOURCE OF FUNDS Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)

CONTINUITY OF GRANT Ongoing, with annual RFA allocation.

GRANT RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISIONS

Grant does not allow for indirect or overhead costs. The grant funds are \$89,151. The District Attorney's Budget Unit 2070, Line Item 862239 (Special Dept. Expense, i.e. Grant Support) will need to support this program with a contribution of \$28,483.

EMPLOYEES	(full time equivalent)	Grant Funded	General Funds
Deputy District Attorney IV	.20	94%	6%
District Attorney Investigator	.20	95%	5%
Victim Witness Advocate	1.00	100%	0%

GRANT FUNDING AND BUDGET

Revenues:

Grant Funding	\$ 89,151	
DA Budgetary Support of CAVP	\$28,483	BU 2070, Line Item #862239

Expenditures:

Personnel:	\$110,818
Operating Expenses:	5,616
Capital Expenditures: <i>(Equipment)</i>	0
Other Costs-Audit:	1,200
Indirect Costs:	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$117,634

Total Projected Program Costs \$117,634

COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED No

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REQUIRED Yes

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE (SEVA).....0457

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GRANT DESCRIPTION

The Special Emphasis Victim Assistance (SEVA) Program provides victim services to Hispanic and Native-American crime victims in Mendocino County. The Program provides comprehensive victim services within the Criminal Justice System, including support, case status and information, and victims' rights. The SEVA Program focuses on outreach and is culturally specific and sensitive. Specifically, transportation and translation are provided to facilitate victims' access to the Criminal Justice System and access to available resources, including financial aid, to assist in the recovery from the crime. SEVA assists victims with restitution and with applications to the Victims of Crime Program for financial benefits for therapy, medical expenses, funeral/burial expenses, and wage loss. The goal of the program is to ensure access to prosecution and services, sensitive treatment, and prevent additional trauma for Latino/Native-American crime victims in the Criminal Justice System, through a culturally specific program.

GRANT INCEPTION DATE July 1, 1997

CURRENT GRANT PERIOD July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

SOURCE OF FUNDS Federal VOCA funds administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), Criminal Justice Programs Division.

CONTINUITY OF GRANT Grant was originally competitive. Currently, it is ongoing with an annual RFA allocation.

GRANT RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISIONS

Grant does not allow for indirect or overhead costs. The ceiling for this grant is estimated to be \$110,000. The District Attorney's Budget Unit 2070, Line Item 862239 (Special Dept. Expense, i.e. Grant Support) will need to support this program with a total contribution of \$113,295.

EMPLOYEES	(full time equivalent)	Grant Funded	General Funds
SEVA Coordinator	.50	100%	0%
SEVA Advocate	1.00	78%	22%
SEVA Advocate	1.00	0%	100%
Staff Assistant II (Reception)	.25	0%	100%
Staff Assistant II (VOC Claims Clerk)	.25	0%	100%

GRANT FUNDING AND BUDGET

Revenues:

Grant Fund	\$93,500	
DA Budget County Match	\$ 23,375	BU 2070, Line Item #862239
DA Budgetary Support of SEVA	\$129,795	BU 2070, Line Item #862239

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE (SEVA)..... 0457

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Expenditures:

Personnel:	\$212,795
Operating Expenses:	10,000
Capital Expenditures: <i>(Equipment)</i>	0
Other Costs: <i>(Audit)</i>	500
Indirect Costs:	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$223,295

Total Projected Program Costs: \$223,295

COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED

Yes, cash is required.

COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT

\$23,375 (Budgeted in BU 2070, Line Item 862239)

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REQUIRED

Yes

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VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE 0464

MEREDITH LINTOTT, District Attorney

GRANT DESCRIPTION

The Victim/Witness Program provides comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crime in Mendocino County, while providing comprehensive victim services within the Criminal Justice System. Victim/Witness services include crisis intervention, emergency assistance resources, referral for counseling to agencies within the community and direct counseling of the victim pertaining to problems resulting from the crime. Staff assists, as needed, with funeral/burial arrangements and in obtaining temporary/criminal protective orders.

Victim/Witness staff participates in witness protection, including arranging for law enforcement protection and/or relocating victims/witnesses in new residences. Additional support is provided by processing, filing, and verifying claims filed by victims of crime. Orientation to the criminal justice system is offered, as well as court escorts.

Victims are assisted in obtaining the return of their property that has been held as evidence by law enforcement agencies. Staff also assists victims in ascertaining economic losses and obtaining restitution for same.

Appropriate court cases are monitored in order to keep victims and witnesses apprised of the progress and outcome of their case(s).

Witnesses are notified of any changes in the court calendar which affect their transportation.

At the request of a victim, staff makes notifications to friends, relatives and employers about the occurrence of the crime and the victim's condition. Additionally, if the victim requests, staff works with employers to minimize any loss of pay or other benefits which may result because of the crime, or the employee's participation in the criminal justice system.

Presentations and training are offered to Criminal Justice System agencies along with public presentations.

Victim/Witness provides the Probation Department, District Attorney's Office and courts with information relevant to victims losses, prior to the imposition of sentence.

The goal of the Program is to ensure access to prosecution and services, sensitive treatment for crime victims (and witnesses) in the Criminal Justice System and, prevent further trauma. Victim/Witness has provided these services from within the District Attorney's Office for 25 years.

GRANT INCEPTION DATE	1982
CURRENT GRANT PERIOD	July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)
CONTINUITY OF GRANT	Ongoing, with annual RFA allocation.

GRANT RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISIONS

Grant does allow for indirect or overhead costs. The ceiling for this grant is estimated to be \$123,681. The District Attorney's Budget Unit 2070, Line Item 862239 (Special Dept. Expense, i.e. Grant Support) will need to support this program by contributing \$86,816.

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VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE 0464

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EMPLOYEES	(full time equivalent)	Grant Funded	General Funds
Victim Witness Coordinator	.50	100%	0%
Victim Witness Advocate	1.00	81.5%	18.5%
Staff Assistant II (Reception)	.75	81%	19%
Staff Assistant II (VOC Claims Clerk)	.75	0%	100%

GRANT FUNDING AND BUDGET

Revenues:

Grant Funding	\$123,681	
DA Budgetary Support of V/W Assistance	\$ 86,816	BU 2070, Line Item #862239

Expenditures:

Personnel:	\$179,997	
Operating Expenses:	22,000	
Capital Expenditures (<i>Equipment</i>):	0	
Other Costs (<i>Audit</i>):	1,500	
Indirect Costs:	<u>7,000</u>	
TOTAL	\$210,497	

Total Projected Program Costs = \$210,497

COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED	No
COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT	None
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REQUIRED	Yes