

# STANISLAUS COUNTY

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday – March 01, 2023 Stanislaus County Probation Department

#### MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

MARK FERRIERA, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department  
FRANK MARTINEZ FOR JEFF DIRKSE, Sheriff, Sheriff's Department  
JEFF LAUGERO, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office  
JENNIFER JENNISON, Public Defender  
TONY VARTAN, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
BRANDON GILLESPIE, Chief, Modesto Police Department

#### GUESTS:

Vicki Martin, Administrative Services Manager, Probation Department  
Michael Walker, Realignment Manager, Probation Department  
Brooke Freeman, Sheriff's Department  
Lori Denego, District Attorney's Office  
Cheryl Titus, Victim Services Program Manager, District Attorney's Office

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera. Members of the group present in the meeting were identified.

#### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

#### 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2022, MEETING**

MOTION: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. SECOND: Public Defender Jennifer Jennison. The minutes of the February 01, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

#### 4. **DISCUSSION OF THE FIVE-YEAR SPENDING PLAN**

Administrative Services Manager Vicki Martin from the Probation Department reviewed the CCP Five-Year budget with the CCP Executive Committee (a copy is attached to the minutes). She advised that the revenue was projected based on the Governor's January budget, noting minimal growth. The growth projected for FY2022/2023 was about \$2 million and came in close to \$5 million; however, it is projected to decrease by 90% in FY2023-2024. Although there will be a slight increase in FY2024-2025, nothing indicates budget growth for FY2025/2026.

As of today, if the CCP funding proposals submitted thus far are approved, the CCP budget would be in the red by approximately \$4 million by FY2024-2025; additional proposal requests are expected to be received before it is time to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. Ms. Martin noted that 85% of yearly budgeted CCP revenue is typically spent. There was an increase in expenditures in FY2022-2023; however, some rollover funds to FY2023-2024 are anticipated. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Tony Vartan withdrew the CARE Court Supportive Services funding request for BHRS; the funding request was for \$6.8 million; nevertheless, Ms. Martin advised that the CCP budget would still have a deficit of \$3 million in FY2026-2027 if the remaining requests were approved.

CPO Ferriera emphasized that base funding is determined by state sales tax revenue, an unpredictable source of funds that necessitates a conservative approach in anticipation of a probable deficit that could affect CCP-funded personnel. The CCP budget supports more than 120 positions.

The CCP Executive Committee has agreed to vote on the proposal submitted by the District Attorney due to time-sensitive aspects and reserve any decision on any other proposals until after mid-April. It is undetermined how many funding proposals will be submitted and what effect this will have on the CCP budget. CPO Ferriera did, however, suggest adding a line item to the CCP five-year plan for local law enforcement agencies interested in submitting a funding proposal for a CHAT-type program. The possibility of cities partnering with the CCP to fund law enforcement proposals was briefly discussed.

CPO Ferriera announced that a presentation on Homeboy Industries will be presented at the next CCP Executive Committee meeting.

District Attorney Jeff Laugero advised that most of their Victim Advocates positions are supported by grants; however, as competition for grants increases, he is concerned about decreased funding and the loss of positions.

Victim Services Program Manager Cheryl Titus from the District Attorney's Office presented the proposal for the District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit (VSU). She stated that the changes in the law have resulted in more work for the VSU, making case administration for the Victim Advocate challenging. The funding request is intended to improve services for victims requiring post-conviction assistance, hearing accompaniment, an increase in CalVCB applications, representation, restitution assistance, improve and expand VSU training, and continue emergency assistance for supplies provided to victims and community outreach efforts (the presentation and the CCP funding proposal are attached to the minutes). The presentation included the following:

- BACKGROUND AND UNIT SNAPSHOT
- CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
- CHALLENGES AND CURRENT NEEDS
- PROPOSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE
- REQUESTED FUNDING
  - \$173,094 for FY 2023-2024
  - \$177,776 for FY 2024-2025
  - \$182,600 for FY 2025-2026
  - \$187,568 for FY 2026-2027
  - \$192,686 for FY 2027-2028

Ms. Titus reported that compared to the double-sized San Francisco Victim Services Unit, approximately 2,000 more victims were assisted in Stanislaus County. The District Attorney's Office's Victim Services Unit (VSU) is currently staffed with 15 grant-funded Victim Advocates; the request for CCP funding would be to add a Post Conviction Victim Advocate and a Restitution/CalVCB Lead Victim Advocate, neither of which are eligible for CalOES grant funding. However, she expressed concern that two Post Conviction Victim Advocates might be necessary due to the significant increase in post-convictions.

Chief Ferriera referenced the vacant CCP Victim Advocate position of the VSU Current Organization slide of the VSU presentation, noting that the Penal Code mandates the CCP to have a member representing victims' rights. He emphasized the significance of knowing who assumes this role for meetings and ensuring that the CCP Plan, which must be submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections, is accurate. Ms. Titus stated that the Victim Services Unit will always have someone available to undertake the role of CCP Victims Representative; currently, Patricia Sanchez is the Victim Advocate assuming that role, and an update will be provided should there be any changes.

Lastly, Ms. Titus advised that she is a member of the Board of the California Crime Victims Assistance Association. She stated they intend for CalOES to fund excluded grants for positions such as the Post Convictions Victim Advocate and Restitution/CalVCB Lead Victim Advocate positions. District Attorney Laugero noted that there is a need for a funding source to obtain the two very needed positions for the CEO's Office to approve the addition of the positions, and due to the lack of grant funding, they are looking to CCP to fund the two new positions for five years. He reported that murder petitions have increased, and he does not expect them to decrease, resulting in additional victim assistance.

MOTION: Tony Vartan. SECOND: Chief Brandon Gillespie. To approve the District Attorney's Office proposal for funding was approved unanimously.

Chief Ferriera advised the CCP Executive Committee to begin contemplating the final approval of the submitted funding proposals. In addition to the previously submitted proposals, the Sheriff's Office has also thus far submitted a proposal.

Brooke Freeman from the Sheriff's Department reported that the CCP Executive Committee approved three funding requests from the Sheriff's Department last year, two of which were mandated by Title 15. Due to cost increases, the Sheriff's Office has decided not to proceed with the construction of the facility's upper-tier barrier, which is not a Title 15 requirement. The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to transfer the allocated \$1.9 million for the upper-tier barrier and the \$1.0 million previously allocated for the outdoor recreation yard construction from FY2022-2023, along with an additional \$3.1 million in one-time funding to cover the total cost of \$6 million for outdoor recreation yard construction. The construction of the recreation yard will enable inmates to perform Title 15 outdoor exercises. In

addition, Ms. Freeman reported that the expansion of the Sheriff's Department Vocational Training would not be carried out this fiscal year and asked that the allocated \$2.3 million be carried over to FY2023-2024.

CPO Ferriera suggested the Sheriff's Department funding request be tabled pending the consideration of additional funding requests and the associated fiscal impacts.

Traditionally the CCP Executive Committee goes before the Board of Supervisors once a year, as early as March and as late as July.

Chief Ferriera advised that the CCP Executive Committee will meet numerous times before it is time to go before the Board of Supervisors, noting he expects other funding proposals will be submitted. He suggested that voting on new funding requests be postponed pending reviewing and discussing the CCP Five-Year Spending Plan once all the requests have been received, except for the District Attorney's Office proposal, as it is time sensitive. Additionally, he advised the group that growth funding, following the Governor's proposed budget, has decreased significantly. Still, the CCP budget was able to have some cost savings due to staff vacancies and CARE 2.0 using grant funding.

The CCP Executive Committee discussed and agreed with CPO Ferriera's suggestion. Voting on any funding request, except for the District Attorney's Office proposal, will occur once all the requests have been received and the CCP budget has been reviewed.

BHRS Director Tony Vartan voiced concerns about not having the staffing proposals submitted to the CEO's Office on time.

The CCP Executive Committee deliberated over the Collaborative Courts Funding Proposal. Chief Ferriera voiced his concerns about the 22.5 positions being requested and the lack of service referrals. Public Defender Jennifer Jennison suggested revisiting the Collaborative Courts Funding Proposal to find a solution and adjusting the funding proposal to focus on the staffing needed to get the Mental Health Treatment Court started. After much discussion Chief Ferriera asked the CCP Executive Committee if they would like to move forward with voting on the Collaborative Courts Funding Proposal as it is presented; however, Mr. Vartan proposed resubmitting an adjusted Collaborative Courts Funding Proposal for funding consideration.

The CCP Executive Committee will reconvene for the Homeboy Industries Presentation and to continue reviewing new proposals and discussing the CCP budget.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

FTE	2021-2022 Budget plan	2021-2022 (Actuals)	% Spent	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
<b>SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b>									
<b>Detention Base</b>									
Salary and Benefits	49	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962	\$ 7,058,962
Services and Supplies (incl Programming)		\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600	\$ 393,600
Admin Overhead (Capped)		\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256	\$ 745,256
Salvation Army Beds (Additional 5 Beds)		\$ 74,000	\$ 74,000						
Salvation Army Beds (Additional 10 Beds)		\$ 148,000	\$ 148,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 8,419,818</b>	<b>\$ 8,419,818</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 8,346,818</b>	<b>\$ 8,346,818</b>	<b>\$ 8,346,818</b>	<b>\$ 8,346,818</b>	<b>\$ 8,346,818</b>
<b>Jail Expansion</b>									
AB 900 Expansion - Phase III/III		\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,392,996	\$ 3,938,213	\$ 4,076,051	\$ 4,218,712	\$ 4,366,367	\$ 4,519,190	\$ 4,677,362
AB 900 Expansion - Phase III				\$ 414,540	\$ 730,021	\$ 1,066,477	\$ 1,207,438	\$ 1,249,699	\$ 1,249,699
Jail Medical AB900 Expansion		\$ 1,187,503	\$ 1,006,347	\$ 1,081,327	\$ 1,119,174	\$ 1,158,345	\$ 1,198,887	\$ 1,240,848	\$ 1,284,278
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 5,187,503</b>	<b>\$ 4,399,343</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>\$ 5,434,081</b>	<b>\$ 5,925,246</b>	<b>\$ 6,443,534</b>	<b>\$ 6,772,692</b>	<b>\$ 7,009,737</b>
<b>New Requests - FY 22/23</b>									
Deputy Sheriff - Custodial - Yard	4			\$ 552,719	\$ 485,125	\$ 502,105	\$ 519,678	\$ 537,867	\$ 556,692
Deputy Sheriff - Custodial - Mental Health	2			\$ 276,360	\$ 242,563	\$ 251,052	\$ 259,839	\$ 268,933	\$ 278,346
Deputy Sheriff - Custodial - Medical	1			\$ 138,180	\$ 121,281	\$ 125,526	\$ 129,920	\$ 134,467	\$ 139,173
Outdoor Rec Yard Construction				\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,000,000				
Ag Program Expansion				\$ 385,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Vocational Training Expansion	3			\$ 2,532,080	\$ 215,181	\$ 222,712	\$ 230,507	\$ 238,575	\$ 246,925
Corrections Treatment Team	3			\$ 341,000	\$ 331,200	\$ 342,792	\$ 354,790	\$ 367,207	\$ 380,060
Mobile Crisis Emergency Response Team				\$ 114,278	\$ 304,740	\$ 315,406	\$ 326,445	\$ 337,871	\$ 349,696
Emergency Medical Technician Team				\$ 200,000	\$ 207,000	\$ 214,245	\$ 221,744	\$ 229,505	\$ 237,537
Upper Tier Security Barrier				\$ 1,900,000	\$ (1,900,000)				
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,439,617</b>	<b>\$ 5,257,090</b>	<b>\$ 2,223,838</b>	<b>\$ 2,292,923</b>	<b>\$ 2,364,425</b>	<b>\$ 2,438,430</b>
<b>Total Sheriff Department</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$ 13,607,321</b>	<b>\$ 12,819,161</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>\$ 21,220,516</b>	<b>\$ 19,529,154</b>	<b>\$ 17,014,191</b>	<b>\$ 17,412,433</b>	<b>\$ 17,720,980</b>

<b>Probation Department</b>									
Salaries & Benefits	32	\$ 4,356,528	\$ 3,297,541	\$ 4,487,224	\$ 4,621,841	\$ 4,760,496	\$ 4,903,311	\$ 5,050,410	\$ 5,201,922
Programming & Services		\$ 629,500	\$ 365,349	\$ 629,500	\$ 629,500	\$ 629,500	\$ 629,500	\$ 629,500	\$ 629,500
Crime Analyst	1	\$ 102,419	\$ 94,184	\$ 105,492	\$ 108,656	\$ 111,916	\$ 115,273	\$ 118,732	\$ 122,294
Admin Overhead (Capped)		\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896	\$ 383,896
Probation Facility updates				\$ 2,000,000					
Recruitment/Retention Campaign				\$ 200,000					
<b>Total Probation Department</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$ 5,472,343</b>	<b>\$ 4,140,970</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>\$ 7,806,111</b>	<b>\$ 5,743,893</b>	<b>\$ 5,885,808</b>	<b>\$ 6,031,980</b>	<b>\$ 6,182,538</b>

<b>Behavioral Health &amp; Recovery Services</b>									
Salaries & Benefits	18	\$ 3,047,445	\$ 1,813,051	\$ 3,138,868	\$ 3,233,034	\$ 3,330,025	\$ 3,429,926	\$ 3,532,824	\$ 3,638,809
Services & Supplies		\$ 1,013,580		\$ 1,013,580	\$ 1,013,580	\$ 1,013,580	\$ 1,013,580	\$ 1,013,580	\$ 1,013,580
Less: Medi-Cal Revenue for MH Treatment Team		\$ (1,099,076)		\$ (1,132,048)	\$ (1,166,010)	\$ (1,200,990)	\$ (1,237,020)	\$ (1,274,130)	\$ (1,312,354)
Project Coordinator - (CBO Program research)				\$ 150,000					
Admin Overhead (Capped)		\$ 178,216		\$ 178,216	\$ 178,216	\$ 178,216	\$ 178,216	\$ 178,216	\$ 178,216
Collaborative Court	22.5				\$ 2,965,992	\$ 3,114,291	\$ 3,270,006	\$ 3,433,506	\$ 3,605,181
CARE Court					\$ 6,505,000	\$ 6,830,250			
<b>Total BHRS Department</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>\$ 3,140,165</b>	<b>\$ 1,813,051</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>\$ 3,348,616</b>	<b>\$ 12,729,813</b>	<b>\$ 13,265,372</b>	<b>\$ 6,654,708</b>	<b>\$ 6,883,996</b>

<b>Public Defender</b>									
Salaries & Benefits (Attorney & Legal Clerk)	2	\$ 343,326	\$ 331,202	\$ 353,626	\$ 364,235	\$ 375,162	\$ 386,416	\$ 398,009	\$ 409,949
Indigent Defense Fund		\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Adult Caseworker Program	2	\$ 199,500	\$ 176,678	\$ 205,485	\$ 211,650	\$ 217,999	\$ 224,539	\$ 231,275	\$ 238,213
Behavioral Health Clinician	0.5	\$ 75,163	\$ -	\$ 75,163	\$ 75,163	\$ 75,163	\$ 75,163	\$ 75,163	\$ 75,163
Full-Time Client Support Specialists	3			\$ 305,643	\$ 320,925	\$ 336,971	\$ 353,820	\$ 371,511	\$ 390,087
<b>Total Public Defender</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>\$ 707,989</b>	<b>\$ 597,880</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,916</b>	<b>\$ 1,061,972</b>	<b>\$ 1,095,295</b>	<b>\$ 1,129,938</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,958</b>

<b>District Attorney</b>									
Salaries & Benefits (DDA/2 LC/Victim Advocate)	4	\$ 487,414	\$ 475,844	\$ 502,036	\$ 517,098	\$ 532,610	\$ 548,589	\$ 565,046	\$ 581,998
Salaries & Benefits - 2 FT Victim Advocate III positions	2				\$ 173,094	\$ 177,776	\$ 182,600	\$ 187,568	\$ 192,686
<b>Total District Attorney</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 487,414</b>	<b>\$ 475,844</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>\$ 502,036</b>	<b>\$ 517,098</b>	<b>\$ 532,610</b>	<b>\$ 548,589</b>	<b>\$ 565,046</b>

CARE 2.0 (CEO)	12	\$ 1,864,615	\$ 1,027,833	\$ 1,599,615	\$ 1,599,615	\$ 1,599,615	\$ 1,599,615	\$ 1,599,615	\$ 1,599,615
Modesto Police Department - CHAT Team	15			\$ 1,065,230	\$ 1,487,425	\$ 1,766,242	\$ 1,826,283	\$ 1,876,569	\$ 1,876,569
CSA	1	\$ 64,000	\$ 31,027	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000
CBO Contracts		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 751,932	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Jail Medical Base		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
RAT Operations		\$ 100,000	\$ 90,357	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Data Warehouse		\$ 55,690	\$ 6,651	\$ 255,690	\$ 255,690	\$ 55,690	\$ 55,690	\$ 55,690	\$ 55,690
Reserve for Contingency (Jail Medical)					\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$ 3,584,305</b>	<b>\$ 2,407,800</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>\$ 4,584,535</b>	<b>\$ 5,006,730</b>	<b>\$ 5,235,547</b>	<b>\$ 5,295,588</b>	<b>\$ 5,345,874</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>\$ 26,999,537</b>	<b>\$ 22,254,706</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>\$ 38,491,731</b>	<b>\$ 44,588,659</b>	<b>\$ 43,028,823</b>	<b>\$ 37,073,236</b>	<b>\$ 37,864,392</b>

<b>REVENUE</b>				Governor's January Budget		Governor's January Budget			
Fiscal Year (when posts to Oracle) ->	2021-2022 Budget plan	2021-2022 (Actuals)		2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Stanislaus County Base	\$ 25,551,876	\$ 25,551,145		\$ 30,367,932	\$ 30,363,906	\$ 30,684,708	\$ 31,141,730	\$ 31,141,730	\$ 31,141,730
Stanislaus County Base Adjustment	\$ 327,099	\$ 327,099							
Growth	\$ 2,095,773	\$ 2,095,773		\$ 4,778,599	\$ 185,579	\$ 457,023			
Less: Innovation Funding	\$ (209,577)	\$ (209,577)		\$ (477,860)	\$ (18,558)	\$ (45,702)			
<b>Total CCP Realign Funding</b>	<b>\$ 27,765,171</b>	<b>\$ 27,764,440</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 34,668,671</b>	<b>\$ 30,530,927</b>	<b>\$ 31,096,028</b>	<b>\$ 31,141,730</b>	<b>\$ 31,141,730</b>	<b>\$ 31,141,730</b>
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 19,562,268	\$ 20,612,221		\$ 26,121,955	\$ 22,298,895	\$ 8,241,163	\$ (3,691,632)	\$ (9,623,139)	\$ (16,345,800)
Use of Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ (765,634)	\$ (5,509,734)		\$ 3,823,060	\$ 14,057,732	\$ 11,932,795	\$ 5,931,506	\$ 6,722,861	\$ 7,447,183
<b>PROJECTED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 20,327,902</b>	<b>\$ 26,121,955</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>\$ 22,298,895</b>	<b>\$ 8,241,163</b>	<b>\$ (3,691,632)</b>	<b>\$ (9,623,139)</b>	<b>\$ (16,345,800)</b>	<b>\$ (23,792,983)</b>
Reserve - (20% of annual revenue)				\$ 6,073,586	\$ 6,072,781	\$ 6,136,942	\$ 6,228,346	\$ 6,228,346	\$ 6,228,346





# CCP FUNDING PROPOSAL

Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office



Victim's Garden







# VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

40+ years serving victims of crime in Stanislaus County

- Background / Unit Snapshot
- VSU Organization Structure
- Challenges / Current Needs
- Proposed Organization Structure
- Funding Request

# BACKGROUND

WVAC providing comprehensive mandatory and optional services, required by California Penal Code 13835.5, to victims of crime in Stanislaus County for 41 years.

## Fed FY 2021 - 2022

Victims Served

10,409

Services

69,604

Crime Scene  
Response

177

CalVCB Claims

1,057

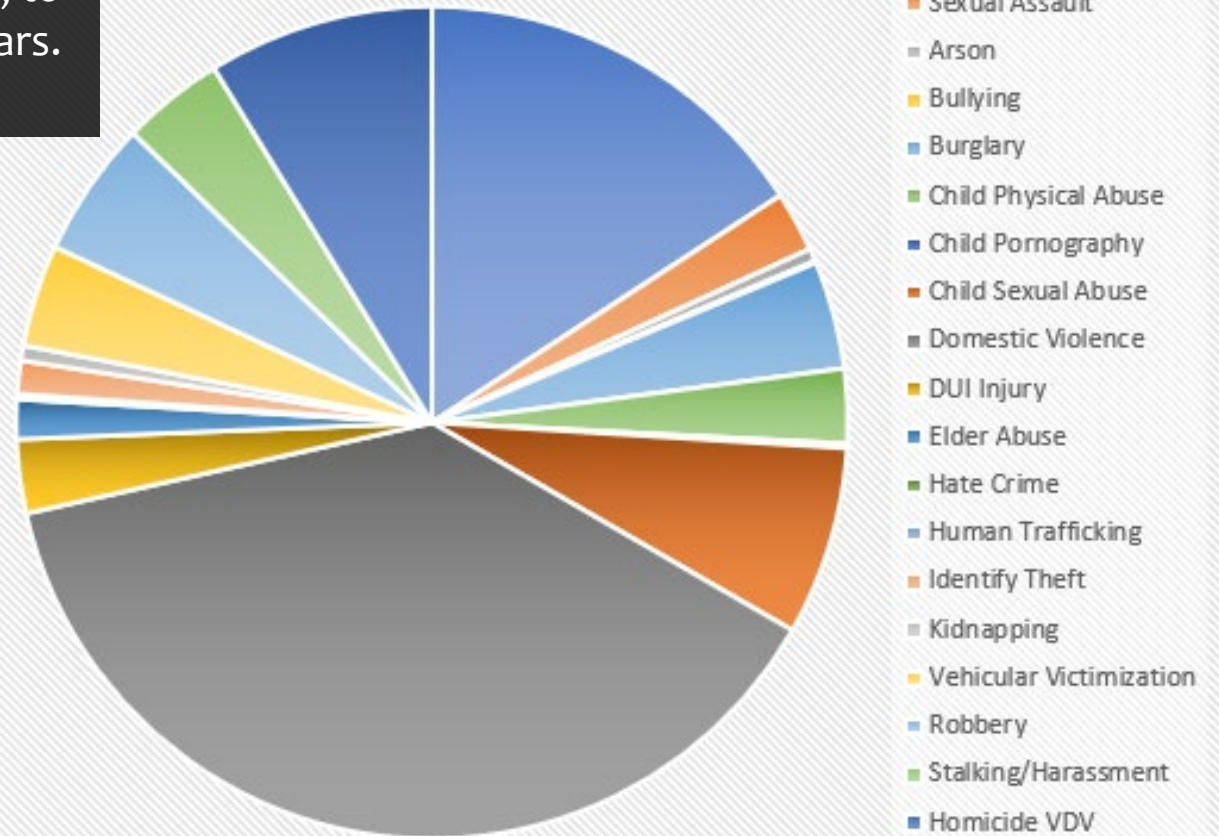
Restitution

511

Court, DDA, LE  
Escort

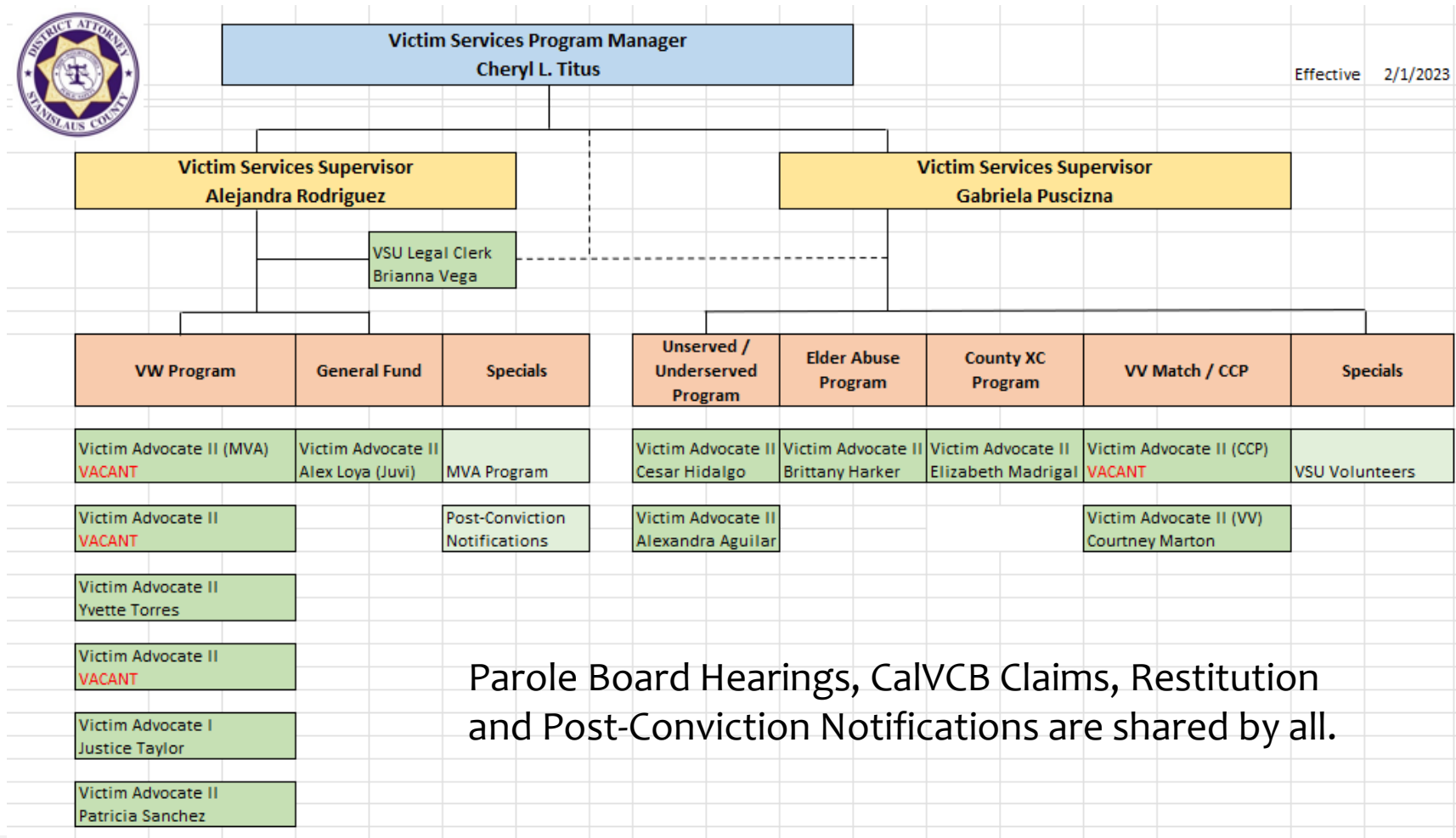
6,792

Individuals Served Based on Presenting Victimization



# CURRENT ORGANIZATION

5 CalOES Grants,  
15 grant funded staff



Parole Board Hearings, CalVCB Claims, Restitution  
and Post-Conviction Notifications are shared by all.



# CHALLENGES

- Increasing legislation / changes in law leading to a growing number of victim notifications and greater expertise.
- Increasing number of parole board hearings.
  - Changes to criminal justice system & court processes require in-depth explanations
- Limited time for case management impacts restitution and CalVCB claim assistance.
- Increasing need for outreach, training, and emergency assistance to victims of crime.



# PROPOSED ORGANIZATION



**Victim Services Program Manager**  
Cheryl L. Titus

Proposed 3/1/2023

**Victim Services Supervisor**  
Alejandra Rodriguez

**Victim Services Supervisor**  
Gabriela Puscizna

VSU Legal Clerk  
Brianna Vega

Alejandra Rodriguez			Gabriela Puscizna				
VW Program	General Fund / Vertical Pros.	Specials	Unserved / Underserved Program	Elder Abuse Program	County XC Program	CCP	Specials
Victim Advocate II (MVA) VACANT	Victim Advocate II Alex Loya (Juv)	MVA Program	Victim Advocate II Cesar Hidalgo	Victim Advocate II Brittany Harker	Victim Advocate II Elizabeth Madrigal	Victim Advocate II Probation/Court/PC VACANT	VSU Volunteers
Victim Advocate II VACANT	Victim Advocate II (VV) Courtney Marton		Victim Advocate II Alexandra Aguilar			Victim Advocate II Post Conviction Team New Position	
Victim Advocate II Yvette Torres						Victim Advocate II Restitution/CAIVCB Lead New Position	
Victim Advocate II VACANT							
Victim Advocate I Justice Taylor							
Victim Advocate II Patricia Sanchez							



# VSU REQUESTED FUNDING

Funding requested to improve availability of CalVCB Claims, Restitution Assistance and Post-Conviction trauma-informed services to victims of crime and increase outreach, training, and availability of emergency assistance.

- Fund 2 FTE Victim Advocate I/II Positions
  - VSU Training
  - Community Outreach
  - Emergency Assistance
- Year 1: \$173,094
  - Year 2: \$177,776
  - Year 3: \$182,600
  - Year 4: \$187,568
  - Year 5: \$192,686



QUESTIONS?



# Community Corrections Partnership Funding Request

Agency Name:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 1:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 2:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 3:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 4:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 5:

Total Number of New Positions Requested:

Description of New Positions:

Target Population:

Projected Number to be Served:

Evidence-Based or Promising Practice:

**Project Title and Description (Include agencies that will receive funding and general description):**

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

**Anticipated Recidivism Reduction:**



# Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Funding Proposal

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## **Background / Problem:**

The Victim Services Unit (VSU) provided 72,356 comprehensive primary and optional services, as required by California Penal Code § 13835.5, to 11,052 victims of crime during Fiscal year 2021-2022. In addition, our On-Call Advocacy Team responded to provide on-scene crisis response to 160 victims. The VSU team currently consists of thirteen Victim Advocates, one VSU Legal Clerk, two Victim Services Supervisors and one Victim Services Program Manager. Nine of our staff are bilingual Spanish/English and one staff member is trilingual Punjabi/Hindi/English. Our program relies heavily on grant funding for personnel and operational needs. We are currently in award and managing four grant programs through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Through these four programs Cal OES provides direct funding for fourteen positions, including salary and benefits. In addition, they provide funding for one position indirectly as "match" in a vertical prosecution grant through Cal OES. Development of our Mass Victimization Program, funding for our 24/7 On-Call Advocacy Program and minimal training and operating costs are funded by Cal OES in these budgets as well.

Traditionally, we have been able to fund all necessary training, outreach materials, emergency assistance supplies and victims' rights events through these grant programs. Unfortunately, we have experienced a decrease in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding which supports Cal OES grants and a long-awaited increase in Victim Advocate salaries. This has resulted in a sharp decrease in available grant funding for many of these items and led to the loss of one FTE Victim Advocate position. A few of the significant challenges we face with grant funding are the lack of stability, the competitive nature of grants and the lack of assignment flexibility. Each year we apply for grant funding in each of the grant programs, we receive a funding chart with the Request for Application and build a budget based upon the available funding. We have experienced a decrease in available funding in the programs during the last several performance periods. Also, one of our grants which funds two positions is in its final year and we have submitted our application to compete for the next award. Another program which funds one position will be in its final year next year and will return to a competitive bid process. While we are hopeful that we will be successful in each of these opportunities, it will simply allow us to continue with the excellent work we have already started. One important feature of grant funding is that the staff assigned to specific grants must only perform work associated with that program. Staff are prohibited from working outside the scope of work for the grant they are assigned. Each of these challenges negatively affect our ability to successfully address our current needs.

**Current Needs:**

We have experienced a significant increase in changes to the law that have led to the necessity to locate and attempt contact with victims to notify them of post-conviction hearings and/or changes to inmate sentences. At this time, Victim Advocates share responsibility for Board of Parole Hearings. When notice is received, the hearing is assigned to an advocate and the advocate is responsible to locate the victim or victim's next of kin to advise them of their rights, assist them with victim impact statements, arrange for them to attend the hearing if they choose to do so and attend the hearing with them upon request. This is an added duty in addition to their assigned caseload. Currently victim notifications such as a sex offenders request to be released from the obligation to register, an inmate's felony murder petition, clemency or commutation petitions, recommended or requested resentencing related to changes in the law and all other post-conviction victim notifications are added to one advocate's assignment, in addition to their assigned caseload. Often, other advocates have to assist with these contacts. The number of victim notifications has steadily increased as new legislative changes are enacted, making it exceedingly difficult for advocates to keep pace with the workload and develop the expertise needed to communicate effectively with victims.

Assistance with victim restitution and completion of claim applications for financial assistance from the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) are important components of the services provided to victims of crime. Currently, victims are provided with information about a victim's right to an order of restitution and the availability of financial assistance through CalVCB. Advocates gather the information and documents necessary to assist with victim restitution needs and to represent the victim in a claim with CalVCB. Due to the demands of most caseloads, there is little time to provide additional follow-up to victims regarding restitution and claims. We are currently completing claim applications for approximately 10% of the total number of victims served. With additional follow-up with victims and their families regarding CalVCB claims, we believe we can increase the number of completed claims for victims of crime in Stanislaus County. Additionally, with added focus on victim restitution and improved collaboration with Probation and Prosecution, we believe that we can improve the process and increase the number of victim restitution orders.

With a reduction in VOCA funding and an increase in personnel costs, funding available for staff training, victims' rights outreach and awareness events and emergency assistance supplies has decreased significantly. Emergency assistance supplies include such things as hotel accommodations for victims in immediate danger, cell phones and minute cards, food cards, hygiene kits, fuel cards, gift cards for clothing or other incidentals, blankets, diapers/wipes and any other items needed to provide for the immediate needs of a victim of crime. On-going training for victim services staff is important for the growth of team members and is currently underfunded. Furthermore, victim's rights outreach and events are a requirement in each grant and important to create awareness in the community, but also underfunded at this time.

# Community Corrections Partnership Funding Request

Agency Name:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 1:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 2:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 3:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 4:

Amount of New Funding Request for Year 5:

Total Number of New Positions Requested:

Description of New Positions:

Update as of 02.17.23

Target Population:

Projected Number to be Served:

Evidence-Based or Promising Practice:

**Project Title and Description (Include agencies that will receive funding and general description):**

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

**Anticipated Recidivism Reduction:**