DATE: May 5, 2015

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sylvia Gallegos, Deputy County Executive

SUBJECT: Approve Agreement with Olive Grove Consulting for IPV Task Force

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Agreement with Olive Grove Consulting relating to providing research and evaluation services for the Intimate Partner Violence Blue Ribbon Task Force in an amount not to exceed $154,862 for period May 6, 2015 through December 31, 2016, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

In September 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget of $225,000 for professional services to support the work of the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Blue Ribbon Task Force, which was considered as part of the FY2015 Board Budget Modification Process (Budget Inventory process). The agreement is for research, evaluation, and facilitation services in support of the work of the IPV Task Force.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Last year, the Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of an IPV Blue Ribbon Task Force, which would be led by four co-conveners including Supervisors Chavez and Yeager, the Director of the Office of Women’s Policy, and a representative of the local Domestic Violence Shelter providers.

A Request for Proposals process for professional services in support of the Intimate Partner Violence Blue Ribbon Task Force was approved by the Board and issued in October 2014. The RFP review process commenced and was concluded in April 2015. The RFP panel reviewed all proposals and recommends entering into an agreement with Olive Grove Consulting for research, evaluation, and facilitation professional services in an amount not to exceed $154,862.
One area of work, “backbone services” for the Task Force, was issued through the RFP and was only made available to a local domestic violence battered women’s shelter as defined under California Welfare and Institution Code, Sections 18294 and 18295 due to the specific expertise needed about the local system and services to address intimate partner violence. Given the limited time and funding available, there was a need for redesigning this area of work. Staff did not award this section of the RFP and instead have issued an informal competitive process among the local domestic violence agencies for proposals for streamlined support and expertise for this area of work.

The formation of the IPV Task Force will bring together long-time stakeholders from the field of domestic violence with experts from other fields and sectors for constructive dialogue and specific actions designed to build a victim-centered, trauma-informed response to intimate partner violence and provide opportunities to leverage additional resources from the public, private and non-governmental sectors.

**CHILD IMPACT**

The recommended action would have a positive impact on children who have been exposed to domestic violence and intimate partner violence due to anticipated efforts to improve services and systems related to intimate partner violence.

**SENIOR IMPACT**

The recommended action would have a positive impact on seniors who have experienced domestic violence and intimate partner violence due to anticipated efforts to improve services and systems related to intimate partner violence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended action would have no/neutral sustainability implications.

**BACKGROUND**

At the May 29, 2014 Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC) meeting, the Committee referred a budget inventory item (Item No. 19g) relating to the creation of an Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Blue Ribbon Task Force to the FY2015 budget process.

At the June 17, 2014 Budget Hearing, the Board approved the creation of an IPV Blue Ribbon Task Force. During consideration of the item, the Board, at the behest of Supervisor Yeager, requested that the Administration report back with a line item budget at a future CSFC meeting.
At the August 29, 2014 meeting of the CSFC meeting, the Committee recommended approval of a line item budget of $225,000 for professional services for an Intimate Partner Violence Blue Ribbon Task Force, which was approved at the September 23, 2014 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

At the October 21, 2014 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the Request for Proposals (RFP-CEO-FY2015-0204) for professional services for an Intimate Partner Violence Blue Ribbon Task Force.

On October 21, 2014, the RFP was released to the public and closed on November 21, 2014.

Throughout the RFP process, the Office of Women’s Policy engaged in extensive discussion to gauge community receptiveness to the goals of the Task Force, an important step toward developing greater understanding and building support for the work of the Task Force. This input shaped the discussion and initial planning for the Task Force, including the utilization of a Collective Impact Model for this work.

After the close of the RFP, an Evaluation Panel reviewed applications for research and evaluation, facilitation, and backbone services. The Panel recommended Olive Grove Consulting as the provider for research, evaluation, and facilitation services to the Procurement Lead, the Director of the Office of Women’s Policy. The OWP Director negotiated the agreement, which is being submitted for approval.

A vendor was also identified for Backbone Services, but staff were unable to successfully negotiate an agreement. Due to the limited scope of eligible applicants, an additional Informal Competitive Process was initiated among the local domestic violence shelter agencies. There was consensus that the most appropriate organization to support this role would be the County’s Office of Women’s Policy, given its expertise and knowledge of the domestic violence system in Santa Clara County, related systems and stakeholders, and its involvement in education and awareness about domestic and intimate partner violence.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Should the Board of Supervisors not approve the attached agreement, work would not commence to convene the Intimate Partner Violence Blue Ribbon Task Force.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Olive Grove Service Agreement and Attachments 2015 (PDF)