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Domestic Violence Safety Partnership (DVSP)

Domestic violence is a critical issue facing family, criminal, and juvenile courts in California. The Domestic Violence Safety Partnership (DVSP) was developed to enhance safety and improve practices and protocols in the handling of domestic violence cases. The DVSP funds will be awarded to courts for various projects such as specialized training, consulting services or equipment and supplies that improve services for domestic violence victims.

Goals of DVSP

DVSP provides resources for local courts so that they can:

- Identify and review key statutes and other mandates addressing domestic violence;
- Identify and review court security and safety considerations related to domestic violence cases;
- Obtain DVSP-funded technical assistance to ensure compliance with requirements or enhance safety;
- Obtain DVSP-funded local training on domestic violence-related topics for judicial officers or court staff; and
- Obtain DVSP-purchased computer or audio-visual equipment for court specific domestic violence related projects.

Criteria for Applying for DVSP Funds

Applications for funds will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted each grant year¹. DVSP funds will be expended for short-term projects up to \$5,000. Requests for amounts that exceed \$5,000 will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. Projects will be awarded based on available funds. Applicants may

¹ DVSP is supported by a federal grant that runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

ask to fund one or more projects within a grant year. All requests must be directly related to the DVSP's primary goals described above.

Types of Assistance Available

Examples of projects DVSP has funded include:

- Reimbursement of travel costs for a team from your court to visit another court;
- Pay for consulting services to assist your court;
- Pay to bring faculty and experts to your area for a training on domestic violence, sexual assault and/or human trafficking, customized to your jurisdiction's needs;
- Computer equipment to provide services in domestic violence cases (e.g. laptop to use in court to produce orders or to use in self-help center for DVPA cases);
- Equipment and technical assistance to implement or improve use of CCPOR (California Court Protective Order Registry) in your court. For more information on CCPOR: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/ccpor.pdf>;
- Computer equipment to access the California Court Protective Order Registry (CCPOR), the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS) or other relevant databases housed within the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS);
- Audio visual equipment to show videos to parties in domestic violence court on court procedure; and
- Translate content related to domestic violence into languages other than English.

Funding is not limited to these types of projects. For more information or questions, please contact DVSP staff (contact information provided on page 3).

Funding Restrictions

DVSP funds cannot pay for the following:

- Food and beverages, although travel meals can be reimbursed through a travel claim process, using the state's per diem rates; and
- Renovations and construction.

No funds will be granted directly to the local courts. Requests for assistance must be for goods or services that can be purchased directly by the Judicial Council office. The court does not pay for the goods or services received through the DVSP request.

Funding Source

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The DVSP is funded by the Violence Against Women Education Project, which is granted to the Judicial Council by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), with resources from the federal Office on Violence Against Women.

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