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Memo to Request a Meeting with the Board

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Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

On August 11th, the Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) released an amendment to our grant allotment for the 2015-2017 biennium. The Deschutes County Victims' Assistance Program (VAP) had planned to receive \$48,042 from VOCA and \$98,569 from CFA. Those amounts were reviewed and adopted into the 2016 budget for VAP. The amendment that was released from CVSD has Deschutes County Victims' Assistance receiving \$131,542 from VOCA, an increase of over \$83,000, and \$101,980 from CFA, and increase of over \$3000. CVSD determined the increase of funds based on several factors which included Deschutes County's increase in crime rate and population. Along with the amendment to current funding allotments, CVSD also released several future grant opportunities for our program to consider applying for. These will be released next year.

Since the Board of County Commissioners has already approved the 2016 budget, I am respectfully requesting a meeting with the Board to go over this unexpected increase in funding. Given the opportunity to come before the Board, I will prepare a proposal for how the funds could be allotted within our program to serve both the Juvenile Justice and Criminal Justice Systems; however, I am respectfully requesting the guidance of the Board for how they would like to see our Victim Assistance Program continue serving the victims of Deschutes County with these funds. There are several important factors to consider with this increase in funding: the projected funding is not guaranteed past the biennium, and the rules of both of these grants indicate that these funds cannot supplant any current services offered by our program. All funds must be designated to enhance direct services and training for Victims' Assistance. An approved budget which accounts for these funds must be provided with my application for the grant which is due August 31st, 2015.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Ashley Beatty
Victims' Assistance Program Coordinator
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