

**Item 1. Salary Changes and Plan for SB 22 Grant Funds:**

- Assistant County Attorney

Current Salary	\$86,182.24
SB22 Increase	\$30,000
New Salary	\$116,182.24

\*Increase is purely grant funded at no extra cost to the county

- Legal Assistant/ Victim Assistance Coordinator

Current Salary	\$45,839.70
SB22 Increase	\$10,000
New Salary	\$55,839.70

\*Increase is purely grant funded at no extra cost to the county

- Assistant County Attorney shared with DA's office

Current Salary from CA	\$15,900.00
Benefits Paid from CA	\$2,521
Total Salary Funds from CA	\$18,421.48
Position No Longer Needed, proposed change to budget	\$0.00

\*Decrease to my budget saves county \$18,421.48

- Open Position for Legal Assistant currently at \$35,000 in budget, no change requested, and this position will soon be filled.

- Receptionist - Currently Shared with DA's Office

Current Salary from CA	\$22,472.00
Benefits Paid from CA	\$3,564
Total Salary Funds from CA	\$26,035.69
Position No Longer Shared, proposed change CA budget	\$0.00

\*Decrease to CA budget of \$26,035.69, but not to overall county budget as she will now work for the DA's office

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A rural prosecutor's office salary assistance grant may ONLY be used:

1. to increase the salary of an assistant attorney, an investigator, or a victim assistance coordinator employed at the prosecutor's office; or
2. to hire additional staff for a prosecutor's office.

The grant also allows the fund to be used for the incremental increase as a result of the salary increase for payroll taxes, employer's matching retirement, health insurance premiums, unemployment insurance, worker's comp, vacation and sick leave, etc.

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(Exhibit #1)

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full time and no longer be shared with my office IF our office space requests are approved.

- Open Position for Assistant County attorney to be at \$85,000; unable to currently be filled due to lack of space. Fully grant funded at no additional cost to the county.
- Remaining SB22 Grant Fund of \$50,000 to cover the benefits associated with new hire and pay raises outlined above.
- County Attorney is requesting 6% Raise that had to be declined last year.
- Requesting that any cost-of-living raise given to county employees also be applied to CA staff. (Please note that county cannot withhold pay or decrease pay due to SB22 Funds.)

**Item 2. Forfeiture Funds and Savings to County**

- Due to forfeiture hearings on prior seizure cases, \$103,419.42 is now available as forfeiture funds. This amount to be split between law enforcement agencies, but will leave approximately \$50,000 for the official purposes of the county attorney's office.
- Prior budget had \$5,000 for office expenses and \$3,000 for travel expenses. The items can now be paid for from the forfeiture funds.
- This should save the county at least \$8,000 for the upcoming budget year for my office expenses.

**Item 3. Office Space Request**

- SB 22 grant allows for the hiring of another attorney, but we do not have the space to put another employee.
- Request for approval to pursue lease options at 600 N. Fisk across the street from the courthouse at \$1200 per month for 2,236 square feet of space.
- Fiber connection is available according to Goldsmith.
- Any costs of moving spaces can be paid for from forfeiture funds per CCP Article 59.06.

**In Summary –**

- My budget will be decreased by approximately \$52,456.
  - \$26,035 shifted to DA's budget, and \$26,421 no longer needed for this year
- Requesting \$14,400 to be allocated for lease space.
- Even with leasing a new space, my office budget request will be approximately \$38,000 LESS than prior year.
- Able to hire another attorney, able to pay for training and supplies from forfeiture funds, able to solve office space issues for both the County Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's Office, while saving the county money.