

FY 2017-19 Budget Workshop Board Inquiry Form

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Request/Question:

Restoration/Expansion Request for MS13 backfill of \$80K. Doesn't the State or Feds pick up the costs on a case this large?

In 2016, the District Attorney's Office received nominal assistance in the form of in-kind services from the Department of Justice for transcriptions and translations necessary for the MS-13 case. However, that is the extent of any outside financial assistance received for this case.

The District Attorney and staff have made numerous attempts to secure funding to support the prosecution of this case. The following agencies have been contacted: the U.S. Department of Justice, the Attorney General of California, the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, members of U.S. Congress, and the California State Controller's Office. According to all sources, there is no funding available and all attempts to find additional funding have been unsuccessful. As a result, almost the entire cost of prosecuting the MS-13 case falls on the County.

In FY 2016-17, the District Attorney's Office received \$300,000 in one-time funding from the General Fund for this case, and the CEO is once again recommending \$300,000 in FY 2017-18.

The District Attorney's Office anticipates that this large case will continue for another three to five years, and estimates that the additional costs to the Office each year will be \$380,000. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is requesting an additional \$80,000 in FY 2017-18. These funds will specifically be used to hire one additional Extra-Help attorney to backfill for this case.

Based on the response received from these agencies thus far, it is unlikely that any significant amount of funding will become available during the duration of this case. However, the District Attorney's Office will continue to pursue outside funding and assistance wherever possible.