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## DA's Office to Receive \$220,000 Grant for East County Family Justice Center

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has been selected to receive \$220,000 in California grant funding to assist in establishing an East County Family Justice Center (FJC). Funding was awarded by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Emerging Family Justice Center Grant Program.

Family Justice Centers provide comprehensive services to victims, survivors, and their families. The wraparound services are provided under one roof, simplifying the delivery of services. They are centers for healing and for creating positive change.

Cal OES established this grant program after recognizing the effectiveness of the FJC model. The Emerging Family Justice Center Grant Program will provide funding for equipment, facilities, and personnel, between October 1, 2024, and March 31, 2026.

An East County location would be the third FJC for Ventura County administered by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. The original Ventura location, on Loma Vista Road across from Ventura County Medical Center, has been serving crime victims since 2019. The second FJC location, the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center at 555/545 South A Street in Oxnard, is currently being renovated and expected to open in early 2025.

"These new grant funds will greatly supplement our current efforts to find the space, gather community support, and eventually open a third Family Justice Center for the residents of eastern Ventura County," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko.

An east county location will be an important addition to the Ventura County FJC network, providing resources and access to justice for victims in Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Oak Park and Moorpark.

More information about the work being done by the Ventura County Family Justice Center can be found at <https://vcfjc.org/>.