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County requests its share of grant be allocated to survivors

The County will ask for assistance from the state and Rep. Pete Aguilar to reallocate more than \$1 million of a \$4 million federal anti-terrorism grant currently earmarked to pay or reimburse the County for costs incurred as a result of the Dec. 2, 2015 terrorist attack to fund the costs of medical treatment not covered by workers' compensation for the survivors of the attack.

If approved, the reallocation would nearly double the \$1.6 million already set aside in the grant for the survivors.

"The County has so far spent more than \$20 million responding to and recovering from this tragedy never expecting to be reimbursed beyond first responder costs," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Lovingood. "The County appreciates the efforts of the District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services and the California Victim Compensation Board to secure this grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, but we would rather see this money set aside to directly assist the survivors in their recovery."

There are about 54 county employees with active worker's compensation cases stemming from the attack. A few of those employees have voiced concerns about challenges with their claims. It is the County's hope that reallocation of these funds will make additional resources available from the grant to pay for treatments that are awaiting approval.

