

STATE OF GEORGIA
PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL OF GEORGIA
Agreement for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program

County: DeKalb

Implementing Prosecuting Attorney: Donna Coleman-Stribling, Solicitor-General

Allocation 1: CJCC Grant No: C23-8-249

A. Base Federal Funds:	\$ <u>122,528</u>
B. Matching Funds (waived for all offices):	\$ <u>30,632</u>

Initial Grant Period: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is made by and between the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "PACGA"), an agency of the Judicial Branch of the State of Georgia, legally empowered to contract pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-18-40, et. seq., the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), a political subdivision of this State and the (District Attorney) (Solicitor-General) for the DeKalb (Judicial Circuit) (County) (hereinafter referred to as the "Prosecuting Attorney").

1. Between PACGA and the County, this Agreement shall constitute an intergovernmental agreement within the meaning of subsection (a) of Paragraph I of Section III of Article IX of the Georgia Constitution which authorizes intergovernmental agreements and contracts "for any period not exceeding 50 years with each other . . . for the provision of services" provided that such agreements and contracts "must deal with activities, [or] services which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide."
2. Period of Agreement: This agreement shall be effective on October 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect for a period of one (1) year, unless terminated earlier under other provisions of this Agreement.
3. Purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement.
 - (a) The parties acknowledge and agree that PACGA has received a subgrant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) under the Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as "VOCA"). The VOCA Grant Program supports direct services to crime victims, i.e. persons who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) of the Bureau of Justice Assistance

(BJA), U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) awards annual formula grants, which in turn are subgranted to local organizations for states to ensure crime victims' rights are upheld and play a meaningful role in the criminal justice process. In Georgia, that organization is CJCC, an agency of the Executive Branch of state government. O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-1, et. seq.

- (b) Effective October 1, 2013, PACGA has been awarded a VOCA subgrant by CJCC to serve as the centralized subgrant recipient on behalf of all prosecuting attorneys in the state. PACGA, in turn, is required to enter into an MOA with participating Counties and the Prosecuting Attorneys for those counties or judicial circuits.
- (c) The CFDA number for this grant program is 16.575.
- (d) Participating Counties and Prosecuting Attorneys are required to fulfill all programmatic and financial reporting requirements by submission through PACGA. PACGA has responsibility for consolidating individual reporting into a single report and submitting to CJCC. Unless specifically referenced in the Agreement or this document, all terms, conditions and policies of CJCC related to performance and reporting remain in full force and effect.

4. PACGA, County and Prosecuting Attorney Contact Information:

- (a) Exhibit "A" contains the name of the point of contact, mailing address, e-mail address(es) and telephone number(s) for all correspondence, reports and other matters relative to this Agreement for PACGA, the County and the Prosecuting Attorney.
- (b) Change of contact information:

The parties agree if there is a change in the point of contact, the mailing address(es), telephone number(s), and e-mail address(es), PACGA will be notified in writing. The County and Prosecuting Attorney will notify PACGA by submitting a Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR).

5. Scope of Project:

- (a) The purpose of this Agreement shall be to facilitate efficient allocation of VOCA funding for victims' services by the Prosecuting Attorney within the County.
- (b) The Prosecuting Attorney will make mandated victims' services available throughout the Prosecuting Attorney's territorial jurisdiction. At a minimum, the Prosecuting Attorney and the County agree that the Prosecuting Attorney will provide those services specified in PACGA Policy 11.2 (see Exhibit "B")
- (c) The Prosecuting Attorney will expand provision of services into areas where victims are un-served and/or underserved by utilizing PACGA resources to:

- (1) Facilitate statewide data collection regarding the type and number of services provided by VOCA advocates;
 - (2) Identify areas where victims are un-served and/or underserved and redirect VOCA funds accordingly.
 - (d) PACGA shall, upon the terms and conditions contained herein, allocate to County, and the County hereby accepts, an amount not to exceed the amount designated in the allocation letter to be used solely for the purposes of providing victims services as defined by the approved budget (see 10a).
6. Budget Limitation: The approved budget total (see 10a) may not be exceeded without the written approval of PACGA. The County is responsible for any expenditure that exceeds the approved budget. Any such expenditure may be credited toward meeting the matching fund requirements of the Grant (see 7a) provided those expenditures are included in the approved budget.
7. Matching Funds Requirement:
- (a) The VOCA Federal Grant Program that is the source of the funds used to support this Agreement requires grant recipients to provide matching funds as set forth below. The County agrees to provide such matching funds and to account for the expenditure of such matching funds to PACGA.
 - (b) The matching funds requirement for this MOA is 20% of the total approved Base funding budget.
 - (c) Match waivers may be granted by CJCC upon request of the Prosecuting Attorneys' office or based on an administrative decision by CJCC.
 - (d) The Prosecuting Attorney's office may choose to meet a portion or all of the required match in the form of volunteer hours valued at \$15 per hour. There is no minimum volunteer hour requirement.
8. Use of Volunteers:
- (a) The Prosecuting Attorney's office must utilize volunteers unless a written waiver request is approved by both CJCC and the Federal Government. Volunteer hours are not required to be included in the budget.
9. Programmatic Reporting Requirements:
During the course of a grant period, the County and the Prosecuting Attorney are required to submit periodic programmatic and financial reports to PACGA. These reports include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Quarterly and Bi-annual Activity Reports - Victim Services Statistical Reports

(VSSR); and

The Victim Services Statistical Report (VSSR) programmatic reporting deadlines are as follows:

Quarter 1	October 1 – December 31, 2024	Due: January 15, 2025
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31, 2025	Due: April 15, 2025
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30, 2025	Due: July 15, 2025
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30, 2025	Due: October 15, 2025

(b) Outcome Performance Measurement Surveys (Annual).

(1) The Outcome Performance Measurement Survey (OPM) programmatic reporting deadlines are as follows:

Annually	Oct. 1, 2024 -Sept. 30, 2025	Due: October 30, 2025

(2) NOTE: OPM Survey data is directly pulled by CJCC via the iMPRoVE Platform.

10. Financial Reporting Requirements:

(a) The County will submit budget worksheet(s) to PACGA no later than October 18, 2024. A personnel action form and job description for each position funded by the subgrant must be submitted with the budget.

(b) The County will submit to PACGA a Subgrant Expenditure Report (SER) form within 15 days of the end of each quarter requesting reimbursement for expenses incurred during the grant period. Separate SER forms are required for Base funding and Victims Comp Advocate funding. Deadlines are as follows:

Quarter 1	October 1 – December 31, 2024	Due: January 15, 2025
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31, 2025	Due: April 15, 2025
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30, 2025	Due: July 15, 2025
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30, 2025	Due: October 15, 2025

(c) Counties and Prosecuting Attorneys must document volunteer in-kind match hours and submit the documentation with their request for reimbursement as well as the time record reporting form. A volunteer contract for each volunteer must be submitted.

(d) Counties must submit a Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR) to notify PACGA of the need to change any of the following:

- (1) The point of contact information;
 - (2) Request to modify budget within currently approved categories;
 - (3) Request for a no-cost extension;
 - (4) Personnel changes (changes in salary/benefits, new hires/terminations, changes in percentage of time spent by such personnel on the grant, etc.).
- (e) All program staff, both paid and volunteers, must keep time sheets documenting total time worked, time worked on grant activities, and the percentage of total time spent on grant activities. Time worked on grant activities must be further broken down into CJCC approved categories.
11. Payment Schedule: PACGA shall pay the County on a reimbursement basis. These funds will be reimbursed by PACGA upon receipt of proper documentation from the County, subject to approval by CJCC. Proper documentation includes copies of all invoices, sales receipts and/or cancelled checks for the items approved. Payment shall be issued to the county in the form of check or Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment.
12. Accountability: The County agrees to expend said funds granted herein solely in conformance to this Agreement and the Special Conditions set forth by CJCC and in PACGA Policy 11.2 and to account for said funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An initialed copy of the Special Conditions must be returned to PACGA.
13. Audit: County will allow, obtain and cooperate with any audit or investigation of grant administration requested or undertaken by PACGA, CJCC or the State Auditor. Upon request, the County agrees to provide PACGA with any information, documents and/or photographs PACGA deems necessary to monitor performance of this Agreement. The County further agrees these funds shall be included in the audit or financial statement of the County until all expenditures have been accounted for. A copy of the audit or financial statement will be returned with the contract. Federal grant dollars will be reported separate from other funds.
14. Records Retention: The County agrees to maintain proper and accurate books, records and accounts reflecting its administration of Agreement funds and compliance with all applicable laws and the Retention Schedules adopted by the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-90 et seq. Such documentation shall be retained for at least three years from the close of said project at the Federal level and shall be made available to PACGA upon request. Personnel records for grant-funded positions must be retained as provided by the state retention schedule for Personnel records.
15. Liability to Others: The County shall hold PACGA, their officials and employees harmless from any and all claims including, without limitations, damage claims for injury to persons and/or property arising from the Grant.
16. Conflicts of Interest: The undersigned certify they will in all respects comply with state laws pertaining to conflicts of interest and to all laws related to PACGA officials and employees conducting business with PACGA.

17. Termination:

- (a) Suspension or termination of this Agreement may occur if the County materially fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement. The Agreement may also be terminated:
- (1) Due to non-availability of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that either of the sources of payment for services under this contract (appropriations from the governing authority of contracting County, appropriations from the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, a Federal agency or the Congress of the United States of America) no longer exist or in the event the sum of all obligations of PACGA incurred under this and all other contracts entered into for this VOCA Grant Program exceeds the balance of such contract sources, then this Agreement shall immediately terminate without further obligation of PACGA as of that moment. Certification by the Executive Director of PACGA of the occurrence of either of the events stated above shall be conclusive.
 - (2) Due to default or for cause. This agreement may be terminated for cause, in whole or in part, at any time by PACGA for failure of the County to perform any of the provisions hereof. Should PACGA exercise its right to terminate this agreement under the provisions of this paragraph, the termination shall be accomplished in writing and specify the reason and termination date. The County will be required to submit the final agreement not later than 45 days after the effective date of written notice of termination. Upon termination of this agreement, the County shall not incur any new obligations after the effective date of the termination and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The above remedies are in addition to any other remedies provided by law or the terms of this agreement.
 - (3) For Convenience. This Agreement may be canceled or terminated by either of the parties without cause. This Agreement may be terminated by the County for any reason upon 60 days prior written notice to PACGA. This Agreement may be terminated by PACGA for any reason upon 30 days prior written notice to the County and the Prosecuting Attorney.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, this Agreement may be immediately terminated without any opportunity to cure if any of the following events occurs:
- (1) County violates or fails to comply with any applicable provision of federal or state law or regulation.
 - (2) County knowingly provides fraudulent, misleading or misrepresentative information to PACGA.
 - (3) County has exhibited an inability to meet its financial or services obligations under this agreement.

- (4) An assignment is made by the County for the benefit of creditors.
- (5) A proceeding for the appointment of a receiver, custodian, trustee, or similar agent is initiated with respect to the County.
- (c) Any funds allocated to the County under this Agreement, which remain unobligated or unspent upon such termination, shall automatically revert to PACGA.

18. Victims of Crime Act - Funding Conditions:

- (a) County and the Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with PACGA Policy 11.2 - Victims of Crimes Act - Funding Conditions.
- (b) County and the Prosecuting Attorney shall be subject to all applicable rules, regulations and conditions of the Victims of Crime Act.
- (c) The County and Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with the most recent copy of CJCC's subgrantee manual available at:
<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/grant-forms-publications/educational-tools-resources>
- (d) The County and Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with all Special Conditions set forth by CJCC and PACGA.
- (e) The County and Prosecuting Attorney agree to comply with the most recent edition of the OJP Financial Guide available at: <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/index.htm>
- (f) The County and Prosecuting Attorney hereby assure and certify that it:
 - (1) Complies with and will continue to comply with all Federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including 2 C.F.R., Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; 2 C.F.R. Part 180 – Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement); 28 C.F.R. Part 83 – Government-wide Requirements for a Drug-Free Workplace (Grants); 28 C.F.R. Part 69 – Restrictions on lobbying that govern the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this federally assisted project;
 - (2) Will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act if applicable;
 - (3) Will comply with all applicable provisions of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 42 USC 3789 (d), or Victims of Crime Act (as appropriate); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; as amended; Subtitle A, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (1990); Title

IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations, 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G; and the Department of Justice regulations on disability discrimination, 28 CFR Part 35 and Part 39.

19. Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among and between parties. There are no representations, oral or otherwise, other than those expressly set forth herein. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless all parties have agreed to said modification in writing.
20. Penalties for Violations: Violation of any of the terms and conditions of this grant can result in penalties including but not limited to: withholding of disbursements or future awards, suspension/termination of awards, suspension/debarment, repayment of reimbursed federal funds, civil lawsuit, or criminal prosecution.
21. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above,

EXHIBIT A

PACGA, County and Prosecuting Attorney Contact Information

1. The PACGA mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number for correspondence, reports and other matters relative to this contract, except as otherwise indicated, are:

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
Attn: Sarai Leonides
1590 Adamson Parkway, Fourth Floor
Morrow, Georgia 30260-1755
(770) 282-6300
Email: sleonides@pacga.org

2. The County's mailing address, email address and telephone number for correspondence, reports, and other matters relative to this contract are:

Office of the Solicitor-General
Attention: Kristy Ward
556 N. McDonough St., Ste. 500
Decatur, GA 30030
Telephone No.: 404-371-2820
Email: klward@dekalbcountyga.gov

3. The PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S mailing address, email address and telephone number for correspondence, reports, and other matters relative to this contract are:

Attention: Kristy Ward
556 N. McDonough St., Ste. 500
Decatur, GA 30030
Telephone No.: 404-371-2820
Email: klward@dekalbcountyga.gov