

DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File #: 4/25/2023

File Status: Approval Review

Public Hearing: YES ⊠ NO □ Department: Solicitor - State Court

<u>SUBJECT:</u> Seeking Approval To Accept The Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) FY23 Grant Award From The Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC) Of Georgia In The Amount Of \$209,849

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Victims of Crime Act Grant Award Victim-Witness Advocate Grant Program Funded By The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Through PAC. Funding Amount \$209,849

Information Contact: Omar Davis

Phone Number: 404-371-2866

PURPOSE:

Asking board to consider accepting the VOCA grant of \$209,849, awarded to the Solicitor's Office for the purpose of continued funding for the offices Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP). Awarded funds support the salary and fringe benefits of four (4) Victim-Witness Advocates.

Grant cycle is from October 1, 2023, through September 31, 2023.

NEED/IMPACT:

The grant supports our ongoing efforts of providing victim-centered supportive services and resources. allocated funds for trainings/professional development for the advocates, and supplemental funds for supplies strictly related to service provision. This additional funding affords our office the opportunity to expand our hiring ability to reach more victims and try more victim-involved cases.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The award provides the Solicitors Office with much needed supplemental funding to use for victim-centered services. A county match is not required. The match has been included in our annual operating account under Transfer to Grants. No additional asks from the county for funds will be made.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer / chief operating officer to execute all necessary documents.



Seeking Justice with Honor

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Executive Director

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Solicitor-General Coweta County December 12, 2022

Re: Federal Fiscal Year 2023 VOCA Allocation - October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

Dear Ms. Coleman-Stribling:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) has approved the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 VOCA Continuation Base and Comp Advocate funding applications as submitted by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC). Therefore, your office has been selected to receive a portion of those funds. Below are the specifics with regard to your allocation of the statewide grant distribution.

County: DeKalb

Implementing Prosecuting Attorney: Solicitor-General Donna Coleman-Stribling

Grant Period: October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

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Allocation 1 (Base Funds):

Base Federal Funds: \$209,849

Base Waived Match Funds: \$52,462 CJCC Sub-Grant Number: C22-8-076

Federal Grant Number: 15POVC-22-GG-00691-A

CFDA Number: 16.575

The activation documents (see included checklist for guidelines on submitting documents) must be returned to PAC by **January 27, 2023.** If you have any questions, please contact Sarai Leonides-Medina (sleonides@pacga.org) or at (770) 282-6290.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Skandalakis Executive Director

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia