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SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of additional Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office

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PURPOSE:

To consider accepting an additional Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$72,160, for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2017 - September 30, 2018; and

To create one additional Victim Advocate position approved through this grant; and to

To authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents.

NEED/IMPACT:

The VOCA grant funds nine District Attorney's Victim Advocate positions who are essential to providing a range of services to victims of crime required by the Crime Victims Bill of Rights, O.G.C.A. 17-17-1, including but not limited to notification of court dates, accompaniment to court, emergency safety planning, counseling, and referrals to community agencies. The District Attorney's Office was awarded one additional positions this year, with unofficial authorization that the grant would be renewed at least at the current level for a minimum of an additional three years, specifically for the purpose of providing victims and the community information and assistance with Victims Compensation. The creation of the position requires no match. The grant funds 100% of salary and benefits for the position.

FISCAL IMPACT:

.No match funds are required for this grant, and none are being requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

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