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Acceptance of \$80,660 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant-Compensation Advocate to District Attorney's Office

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/22/2020	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass
9/8/2020	1	FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee	recommended for approval.	Pass
9/8/2020	1	Board of Commissioners	deferred to the next meeting	Pass
9/1/2020	1	Committee of the Whole	Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned	

**Public Hearing:** YES  NO     **Department:** District Attorney

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** all

Acceptance of \$80,660 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant-Compensation Advocate to District Attorney's Office

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider accepting the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Compensation Advocate grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$80,660, for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2020- September 30, 2021; and

To continue the Victims Compensation Advocate funded through the grant through the grant period; and

To authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

This grant is additional to the District Attorney's VOCA grant which funds eleven 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 also awarded last year one additional position, 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 position requires no match.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Compensation Advocate grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$80,660, for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2020 - September 30, 2021; continue the Victims Compensation Advocate funded through the grant through the grant period; and authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents...