



## Legislation Text

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

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** all

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

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider accepting the annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$648,006 for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2019 - September 30, 2020; and

To consider the continuation of the eleven Victim Advocate positions funded by the grant for the grant period, 10/1/19 through 9/30/2020; and

To authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

The VOCA grant funds ten 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The required match funds of \$162,002 and supplemental funds required to sustain the D.A's Victim-Witness Assistance Program staffing are maintained in 03810.573053.100, were included in the D.A's 2019 budget, and will be included in the D.A's 2020 budget request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept the annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$648,006 for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2019 - September 30, 2020; continue the eleven Victim Advocate positions funded by the grant for the grant period, 10/1/19 through 9/30/2020; and authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents...