



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Text

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

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All

Acceptance of Additional \$8,500 for Victims of Crimes Act Grant-Compensation Advocate to District Attorney's Office

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider accepting an additional \$8,500 for the annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Compensation Act grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the District Attorney's Office's Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2018 - September 30, 2019; and

To authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any necessary documents.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

This VOCA grant to the District Attorney's Office funds one Victim Advocate who specifically notifies and assists victims with the application process for the Victim's Compensation fund. The VOCA grant, in general, is specifically intended to provide 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. This is an additional award amount to the \$72,160 previously accepted for this grant program. The additional grant funds were obtained to cover the remaining salary and benefits not previously covered by the grant for the Victims Compensation Advocate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The match requirement has been waived for this grant. No additional funds are being requested.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept an additional \$8,500 for the annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Compensation Advocate grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the District Attorney's Office's Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2018 - September 30, 2019; Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any

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