



Legislation Text

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

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of \$648,006 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) 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, 2022 - September 30, 2023; and

To consider the continuation of the ten Victim Advocate positions funded by the grant for the grant period, October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; 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 were included in the D.A's 2022 budget. No additional funds are being requested.

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, 2022 - September 30, 2023; continue the ten Victim Advocate positions funded by the grant for the grant period, 10/1/22 through 9/30/2023; and authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents...