

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 Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office - \$616,327

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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 \$616,327 for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2018 - September 30, 2019; and

To consider the continuation of the eleven Victim Advocate positions funded by the grant for the grant period, 10/1/18 through 9/30/2019; and

To authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents.

NEED/IMPACT:

The VOCA grant funds eleven 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 \$154,082 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 2018 budget, and are included at the same level in the D.A's 2019 budget request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$616,327 for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2018 - September 30, 2019; continue the eleven Victim Advocate positions funded by the grant for the grant period, 10/1/18 through 9/30/2019; and authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents...