



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

**DATE:** Thursday, July 15, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the 2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) [amount not to exceed \$7,316.00, 20% In-Kind County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services, to be used to pay dues, travel, and training costs for the WCSO Victim Advocate, and to provide emergency housing and emergency services such as food and shelter for victims of domestic violence, for the retroactive grant period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and if approved direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

This funding is received from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services has provided funding through the Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) program to support and enhance the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate program by providing funds for travel and training, dues for the Victim Advocate, as well as funds for emergency housing and supplies for victims of domestic violence in our community. Emergency services such as food and clothing may be provided in the form of gifts cards tracked and issued by case numbers.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure, and healthy communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 16, 2020, the Board accepted similar VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services.

On April 14, 2020, the Board accepted similar VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services.

On November 12, 2019, the Board accepted similar VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On August 27, 2019, the Board accepted similar VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services.

On August 28, 2018, the Board accepted similar VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services.

On October 10, 2017, the Board accepted similar VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services.

The Board has accepted VOCA funding from the State of Nevada for victim services since 2015.

### **BACKGROUND**

Grant funds are to be utilized by Washoe County Sheriff's Office to support and enhance our victim advocate program. Reason for retroactive submittal: item was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once all paperwork was received and processed.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *VOCA Victim Assistance*

**Scope of the Project:** *Provide assistance to support and enhance our victim advocate program.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Support and assistance to victims of domestic violence.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *The Victim Advocate will be supported with County general funds and the WCSO will provide all match requirements.*

**Award Amount:** *Total \$7,316.00*

**Grant Period:** *7/1/21 – 6/30/22*

**Funding Source:** *Dept. of Health and Human Services,*

**Pass through From:** *Div. Of Child and Family Services*

**CFDA Number:** *16.575*

**Grant ID Number:** *TBD*

**Match Amount and Type:** *20%, in kind (total \$1,829.00). 20% in-kind and cash match will be met with WCSO Victim Advocate hours tracked by the WCSO Victim Advocate.*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *None*

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY22 budget will be increased by \$7,316.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Increase Revenues

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 11856 - 431100 (Victim Advocate/VOCA -Federal Grants) | \$7,316.00 |
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Increase Expenditures

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| 11856 – 711212 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Lodging)            | \$1,159.00 |
| 11856 – 710872 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Food Purchases)     | \$3,688.50 |
| 11856 – 710509 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Seminars/Meetings)  | \$ 550.00  |
| 11856 – 711210 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Travel)             | \$1,618.50 |
| 11856 – 710300 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Operating Supplies) | \$ 300.00  |

This is a reimbursement grant. No indirect costs are allowed. 20% in-kind and cash match will be met with WCSO Victim Advocate hours tracked by the WCSO Victim Advocate.

- *20% match required*
- *Funds will be drawn as a reimbursement*
  - *General funds are source of the upfront cash*
- *No indirect costs*

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners to accept the 2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) [amount not to exceed \$7,316.00, 20% In-Kind County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services, to be used to pay dues, travel, and training costs for the WCSO Victim Advocate, and to provide emergency housing and emergency services such as food and shelter for victims of domestic violence, for the retroactive grant period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and if approved direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept the 2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) [amount not to exceed \$7,316.00, 20% In-Kind County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services, to be used to pay dues, travel, and training costs for the WCSO Victim Advocate, and to provide emergency housing and emergency services such as food and shelter for victims of domestic violence, for the retroactive grant period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and if approved direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."