



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

DATE: Wednesday August 8, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office,
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THROUGH: Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Approve to accept a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$116,946 (\$29,237 required match), from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to provide counseling services, victim services, and a part-time Victim Advocate; retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. (All commission districts)

SUMMARY

The District Attorney's Office received a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS), For Fiscal Year 2019; the District Attorney's Office received \$116,946 with a match of \$29,237 required. We have received VOCA funding for victim related personnel and services since 2003.

This grant is retroactive as this meeting date was the first available upon receiving the award documents.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 28, 2017 the commission accepted a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$50,000 to provide victim services through the Washoe County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Center.

On September 26, 2017 the commission accepted a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$50,000 to provide counseling services at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center.

The Board has accepted VOCA grants on behalf of the District Attorney's Office since 2003.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The District Attorney's Office maintains a Victim-Witness Assistance Center (VWAC), which focuses on victim services for those in Washoe County. This center serves over 40,000 victims and witnesses annually with subpoenas, travel arrangements, scheduling of pre-trial appearances, and other victim services. The five victim advocates of the District Attorney's Office work diligently to ensure that our victims are educated about the process of the criminal justice system to include accompanying them to court appearances, providing referrals to various support and community organizations, assist victims in obtaining counseling, medical and dental care, protective services, psychiatric services, child care, food, clothing and related services. Our advocates also help our traumatized victims with assistance in preparing victim impact statements and collaborate with other professional and community service providers to meet victim's needs. Our advocates also maintain communication and continue to support victims through times of appeals, parole hearings, or post-conviction hearings.

The WCCAC opened its doors in June of 2014. The mission of the center is to ensure the health and safety of the child through a neutral, child-centered environment designed to minimize trauma to the child, provide advocacy for the child and non-offending caregivers and support effective investigations. Within the center is housed the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and the Child Abuse Response and Evaluations (CARES) programs. Begun in October, 1999, these programs offer forensic examinations to adult and child victims of sexual assault. Alongside prosecutors, victim advocates, and investigators, the doctors and nurses provide specialized victims services. We added grant-funded counseling services in 2015. In fiscal year 2017-2018, the CAC has provided 1,350 on-site counseling sessions to victims and their families.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: VOCA Victim Assistance

Scope of the Project: Counseling services to victims of crime; part-time Victim Advocate; emergency victim services.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Enhance victim services in Washoe County with a focus on the victims of domestic violence, abuse, and sexual assault.t.

On-Going Program Support: Continue to seek General Fund, grants and donations

Award Amount: \$116,946.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Funding Source: US Dept. of Justice – Office of Justice Programs; Victim of Crime Act

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Children and Family Service

CFDA Number: 16.575

Grant ID Number: 2017-VA-GX-0085

Match Amount and Type: \$29,237 - General Fund (CC 106110)

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No sub-awards
Procurements will be processed in accordance with 2 CFR
Part 200

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY2019 budget will be increased by \$116,946 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	Revenue Account	Amount
IO 11499	431100	\$116,946.00

Cost Object	Expense Account	Amount
IO 11499	Salary & Benefits	\$50,624.00
IO 11499	710100	\$51,322.00
IO 11499	710300	\$15,000.00
TOTAL		\$116,946.00

The required match of \$29,297 will be met through existing FY2019 budget General Fund expenditures in Cost Center 106110, GL Account 710108.

Grant funds shall be reported to grantor monthly and drawn as a reimbursement.

Grantor does not allow for indirect cost recovery.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$116,946 (\$29,237 required match), from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to provide counseling services, victim services, and a part-time Victim Advocate; retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$116,946 (\$29,237 required match), from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to provide counseling services, victim services, and a part-time Victim Advocate; retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments."