



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 08, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Max Brokaw, Captain, Special Operations Division  
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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) additional funding and extension[amount not to exceed \$4,989.00, 25% 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 utilized for the Sheriff's Office 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, 2019 – June 30, 2020, 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 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 November 12, 2019, the Board approved item 8.D.6, the Sheriff's Office request to accept an Amended Notice of Subaward for the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program in the total amount of [\$4,988] (25% cash match required) as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services.

On August 27, 2019, the Board approved item 7.J.3, the Sheriff's Office request to accept the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) [amount not to exceed \$998.00, 25% In-Kind

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County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services, This award represents 10% of the total FY2020 award.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved item 10.L.5, the Sheriff's Office request to approve funding of [\$4,620.00, 25% in-kind and cash match required, \$1,155.00] from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA).

On October 10, 2017, the Board approved item 5.I.2, the Sheriff's Office request to approve funding of [\$5,000.00, 25% in-kind and cash match required, \$1,250] from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA).

On June 23, 2015, the Board approved item 5.E, the Sheriff's Office request to accept the 2015 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) funding [\$10,510, 20% in-kind match required, \$2,102].

### **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:** *Increase by \$4,989.00*

**Grant Period:** *7/1/19 – 6/30/20*

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

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

**CFDA Number:** *16.575*

**Grant ID Number:** 16575-18-059

**Match Amount and Type:** 25%, in kind (increased to \$2,494.00) 25% In-Kind match will be met with volunteer hours tracked by the WCSO Victim Advocate, cell phone services and use of county vehicle assigned to the WCSO Victim Advocate.

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** None

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY20 budget will be increased by \$4,989.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

#### **Increase Revenues**

11605 - 431100 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Federal Grants)	\$4,989.00
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#### **Increase Expenditures**

11605 – 711212 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Lodging)	\$ 1,266.00
11605 – 710509 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Seminars/Meetings)	\$ 930.00
11605 – 711210 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Travel)	\$ 2,708.00
11605 – 710300 (Victim Advocate/VOCA – Operating Supplies)	\$ 85.00

This is a reimbursement grant. No indirect costs are allowed. 25% In-Kind match will be met with volunteer hours tracked by the WCSO Victim Advocate, cell phone services and use of county vehicle assigned to the WCSO Victim Advocate.

- 25% In-Kind match required
- Funds will be drawn as a reimbursement
- No indirect costs allowed

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) additional funding and extension[amount not to exceed \$4,989.00, 25% 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 utilized for the Sheriff's Office 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, 2019 – June 30, 2020, 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 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) additional funding and extension[amount not to exceed \$4,989.00, 25% 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 utilized for the Sheriff's Office 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, 2019 – June 30, 2020, and if approved direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”