

## Walton County Department Agenda Request

Department Name: Walton County District Attorney's Office

Department Head/Representative: Randy McGinley

Meeting Date Request: October 05, 2021

Has the topic been discussed at past meetings? No

If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: Approval for Renewal of the VOCA Grant

Wording for Agenda: Renewal of the VOCA Grant

This Request: Needs Action by Commissioners\*

\*What action are you seeking from the Commissioners? Approval for submitting the renewal and acceptance of the VOCA Grant administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Department Comments/Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Documentation Attached?: Yes

Is review of this request or accompanying documentation by the County Attorney required? No

If so, has a copy of the documentation been forwarded to the County Attorney? \_\_\_\_

Date forwarded to the County Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the County Attorney review been completed? \_\_\_\_\_

If this request involves the expenditure of county funds, please answer the following:

Approved in current budget? Yes

Budget information attached? No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchasing department Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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GRANT SUMMARY

**Department:** Walton County District Attorney's Office **Date:** 27-Sep-21

**Grant Title:** Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) **Grant #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County Department Contact:** Randy McGinley - Kim Kelly **Phone:** 770 267 1355

**New or Renewal:** Renewal **Budget Amendment Required:** No

**Purpose of Grant:** Victim Services **Is Amendment Attached?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Answer yes or no)

**How does grant meet WC Board of Commissioners Mission and Goals?**

The mission of the Board of Commissioners is to assist residents of Walton County. Through the VOCA Grant crime victims of Walton County are assisted after being victimized. The Victim-Witness Assistance Program assists victims with their immediate needs and as their case progresses through the Criminal Justice System.

**How does grant meet Department Mission and Goals?**

In 1998, the Office of the District Attorney in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit established the Victim-Witness Assistance Program. The Victim-Witness Program has offices in Monroe, Walton County and Covington, Newton County. Over the past ten years the program has grown in its mission and continues to strive to help victims regain stability after victimization. Victim advocates through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program are dedicated to helping victims through the criminal justice system and locating assistance for victims through community based programs.

**How does grant benefit Walton County residents?**

The Victim-Witness Programs of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit assist victims in Walton County in numerous ways. Victims of crime are treated with fairness, dignity and respect. Victim Advocates inform victims of their rights under the Victims' Bill of Rights, refer victims to other agencies that can help their needs, notify victims of court events as their case moves through the Criminal Justice System, and accompany victims to court hearings. The Victim-Witness Program assists victims with obtaining Temporary Protective Orders and assistance with locating emergency shelter and immediate needs.

**If this grant is a renewal**

**Does this grant require a cash match or in-kind match?**

**If yes, explain.**

This grant normally requires an inkind and cash match by the county but it is being waived for this Grant year by CJCC. The Walton County District Attorney's Office will receive \$101,634.00 in federal funds from CJCC. Part of these federal funds will be split with Newton County for part of Leslie Smith's salary. Newton County will receive \$31,479.50 of the federal funds. The rest of the federal funds will be used towards the salary and benefits of Victim Services Director Kim Kelly and Post Adjudication Advocate Lacy Martin.

**If a cash match is required is the match in the current FY budget? Explain.**

The cash match will be waived by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for this grant year.

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**Does this grant effect future FY budgets?**

**If yes, explain how.**

The budget for Walton County and Newton County begins July 01 and ends June 30 of each year. The  
VOCA budget year begins October 01 of each year through September 30 of each year.

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**What restrictions, if any, are required by the use of grant proceeds?**

**Expain any long term or short term obligations the County must meet by the use of this grant.**

The grant monies received from the VOCA Grant must be used by the Victim-Witness Programs  
of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit.

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