

## Walton County Department Agenda Request

Department Name: Walton County District Attorney's Office

Department Head/Representative: Randy McGinley/Kim Kelly

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 for Victim Compensation Advocate

Wording for Agenda: Renewal of the VOCA Grant for Victim Compensation Advocate

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 for Victim Compensation Advocate position 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Victim Compensation Advocate

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

New or Renewal: Renewal Budget Amendment Required: No

Is Amendment Attached? \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Grant: Victim Services (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. The Victim Compensation Advocate funded by this Grant specializes in being familiar with the Victim Compensation Program administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia. Currently the Victim Compensation Advocate position for the Walton County District Attorney's Office is vacant. Having a specialized Victim Compensation Advocate in our office allows us to provide better services for our victims and assist more quickly with obtaining compensation after their victimization through the Victim Compensation Program.

**If this grant is a renewal**

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

If yes, explain.

This grant normally requires a 25% cash match but it will be waived by CJCC for this grant year. The Alcovy Judicial Circuit will receive \$43,500.00 in federal funding from the VOCA Grant to pay for the Compensation Advocate positions salary and benefits (partially or whole) which is currently vacant at this time.

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

It will be waived by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the year.

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

**If yes, explain how.**

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

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

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

The grant monies received from this VOCA Grant must be used by the Victim-Witness Program of the Walton County District Attorney's Office.

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