LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$6,000

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

(X) Cash

() N/A

() SPLOST

() TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: 2020-2021 Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has received VOCA funds since April 01, 2014. This grant allows the Solicitor-General's Office to continue to provide services to victims earlier in the criminal justice process, essentially prior to the defendant's first appearance as well as help victims secure restitution through GA Crime Victims Compensation Fund Program. The match will continue to be satisfied 100% In-kind through the use of Volunteer/Intern hours has been waived this year. The county's health insurance premiums increased last year from \$8,000 to \$11,000 per employee. There is a \$6,000 cost of the county to cover the increase in health insurance premiums which applies to two Victim Advocates fully funded by the grant (\$3,000 per employee). Submission of this grant renewal is due by November 13, 2020 to Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC). The SG's office requests the board's approval for the VOCA continuation grant.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve 2020-2021 Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Solicitor-General <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: