

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: Zero Impact on the County

FUNDING SOURCE:

- () Annual
- () Capital
- () N/A
- () SPLOST
- () TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: VOCA Funded VWAP Continuation Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The District Attorney's Office of the Southern Circuit has been a recipient of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 1997. The VOCA funds, combined with the 5% victim fees, provide the financial support for the Victim Services provided by the DA to all five counties. The grant is funneled through Lowndes County, rather than all five counties, for simplification and efficiency purposes. This grant, along with the 5% funds, allow the DA to provide victim services utilizing funds paid by federal and state defendants and not taxpayers. Submission of the application is due in the PAC Office by November 13, 2020. We also request, for efficiency, that the Commission execute a letter allowing the grant funds to be deposited directly to the DA's Office, rather than the funds being deposited to Lowndes County and then a check sent to the DA and also execute a letter authorizing the District Attorney to sign any and all future paperwork pertaining to this VOCA Continuation Grant. (Sample Letters Attached).

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve VOCA Grant Application of the District Attorney
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: District Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Bradfield M. Shealy

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: