

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$25,669.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has received the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Grant since 2018. This grant funds budgeted costs associated with a specialized prosecutor to handle Family Violence and Violence Against Women Crimes. The CJCC is seeking competitive applications for funding under the VAWA Grant Program. The initial award period is January 01, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Awarded agencies will be eligible annually for continued funding at the amount awarded through December 31, 2026 and would have to apply annually through continuation grants. We will be submitting a budget request to include an increase in salary and benefits, as well as necessary office supplies, training and travel, in hopes that additional funding will be awarded. If the request is approved as submitted, then Lowndes County would be responsible for providing matching funds of \$25,669, which is significantly less than the previous amount of \$36,266. It is possible for our application to be approved, but at a different amount. If that were to happen, we would then re-evaluate our budget, make the necessary adjustments and come back before the board requesting approval of the new cash match amount. At this time, the Solicitor General's Office requests the board's approval to submit the VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Solicitor-General's FY2024 VAWA Competitive Grant Application
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: