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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 8, 2015

**DATE:** August 17, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Victoria Jakubowski, Fiscal Compliance Officer, District Attorney's Office, 325-6710 vjakubowski@da.washoecounty.us  
**THROUGH:** Christopher J. Hicks, District Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Accept a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$20,000 (\$5,000 required match), from the State Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide travel and training funds for those who serve victims, including but not limited to Victim Advocates, Investigators, Prosecutors, and the medical staff at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center; retroactive from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All commission districts)

### SUMMARY

The District Attorney's Office applied for a grant through the State of Nevada – Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). This grant is called "Victims' of Crime Act sub-grant" and will provide \$20,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 with the option to renew for two subsequent years depending on available funding. The purpose of the grant is to provide travel and training funds for those who serve the victims, including but not limited to Victim Advocates, Investigators, Prosecutors, and the medical staff at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC).

This grant is retroactive. Notice of sub-grant award was delayed coming from the grantor and this meeting date was the first available.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the commission accepted a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) 3-year grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$60,000 (required 25 percent match), from the State Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide travel and training funds related to victims services.

On July 14, 2009 the commission accepted a three-year Victims' of Crime Act grant in the amount of \$141,000.00 (\$47,000 per year for three years) to purchase equipment used

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in Victim Witness Assistance Center (VWAC) and/or the Jim Pagels CARES/SART Facility and to provide travel and training funds for those who serve the victims of child abuse.

On June 12, 2007 Commission authorized the acceptance of a new VOCA grant in the amount of \$141,000.00 (\$47,000 per year for three years) in order to purchase furniture and equipment for the SART/CARES facility.

Furthermore, the District Attorney's Office received a three-year Victims' of Crime Act grant for fiscal years 2003-2006 to cover the personnel costs of a Victim Advocate in addition to a child-friendly examination table, medical equipment and filing cabinets for the SART/CARES facility.

### **BACKGROUND**

The WCCAC opened its doors in June of 2014. The mission of the center is to ensure the health and safety of the child through a neutral, child-centered environment designed to minimize trauma to the child, provide advocacy for the child and non-offending caregivers and support effective investigations. Within the center is housed the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and the Child Abuse Response and Evaluations (CARES) programs. Begun in October, 1999, these programs offer forensic examinations to adult and child victims of sexual assault. Alongside prosecutors, victim advocates, and investigators, the doctors and nurses provide specialized victims services. These team members require specific training in the realms of forensic examinations, victim services, and victim care. The grant is design to help provide this training and related travel.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Victims' of Crime Act

**Scope of the Project:** Provide travel and training funds for those who serve the victims in the District Attorney's Office, including but not limited to Victim Advocates, Investigators, Prosecutors, and the medical staff at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC).

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Enhance victim services in Washoe County especially with the child and adult victims of sexual crimes..

**On-Going Program Support:** *N/A*

**Award Amount:** \$20,000.00

**Grant Period:** 7/1/15-6/30/16

**Funding Source:** *US Dept. of Justice – Office of Justice Programs*

**Pass through From:** *Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services*

**CFDA Number:** 16.575

**Grant ID Number:** 15-VOCA-16-036 (2015-VA-GX)

**Match Amount and Type:** \$5,000

**Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):**

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- Indirect costs are fully recoverable
- Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
- Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at \_\_\_ %
- Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

**Special Terms & Conditions:** None

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** None

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award, the adopted FY 15-16 budget will be increased by \$20,000.00 in the following accounts:

**Increase Revenues**

10594-431100 [VOCA Grant]	\$20,000.00
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**Increase Expenditures**

10594 -701509 [Seminar Registration]	\$5,000.00
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10594-711210 [Travel]	\$15,000.00
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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$20,000 (\$5,000 required match), from the State Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide travel and training funds for those who serve victims, including but not limited to Victim Advocates, Investigators, Prosecutors, and the medical staff at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center; retroactive from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget adjustments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move accept a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$20,000 (\$5,000 required match), from the State Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide travel and training funds for those who serve victims, including but not limited to Victim Advocates, Investigators, Prosecutors, and the medical staff at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center; retroactive from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget adjustments."