



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the application, award and execution of the renewal of an interagency agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to provide federal funding of \$112,476 for the Children's Advocacy Center Victim Advocate Grant for an additional 12 months.

- In 1999 the Children's Advocacy Center implemented two victim advocate grants, which have been renewed each year, to supplement funding for two victim advocates, one being bilingual. In 2016, both grant programs were combined onto one contract.
- This grant is for the period of October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, and funds a portion of the salary for two of the three victim advocates housed at the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center.
- The victim advocate provides comprehensive, supportive services to child victims and their non-offending family members, throughout the court process.
- Program goals include providing advocacy services for child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members, preventing re-victimization of children through education, providing emotional support and maintaining the current staff of victim advocates in order to provide efficient services to abused children.
- Sources of funding include federal funds in the amount of \$112,476 (\$44,506 for the bilingual program and \$67,970 for the other coordinator program) and matching funds in the amount of \$28,119 (\$11,127 for the bilingual program and \$16,992 for the other coordinator program), which is provided by the Children's Advocacy Center, for salary and benefits.
- The Children's Advocacy Center supplies the required match and any additional salary or benefit costs by reimbursing the State's Attorney's Office.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the ICJIA has announced a 12 month continuation of a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for the Children's Advocacy Center program to provide advocacy services to child victims of crimes during the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget for salary and fringe is already included in the State's Attorney's budget, and is comprised of \$112,476 in federal funds awarded, and \$28,119 of matching funds already appropriated in the State's Attorney's budget which will be reimbursed by the Children's Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorneys' Office recommends that the Chairman of the County Board, the State's Attorney, and the Treasurer be authorized to execute the necessary documents to accept the grant renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Program Agreement #215259 with the ICJIA for the State's Attorney's Children's Advocacy Center program to provide advocacy services to child victims of crime, for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the grant program expenses are already included in the State's Attorney's budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$44,506 in federal funds will be deposited into account 101-3300010-45334, \$67,970 in federal funds will be deposited into account 101-3303010-45334, and the Children's Advocacy Center reimbursement will be deposited into accounts 101-3300010-45020 and 101-3303010-45020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State's Attorney shall serve as project director for the program, and accurate records of all necessary grant compliance requirements shall be kept by the State's Attorney Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Lake County State's Attorney, and Lake County Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation to accept the grant renewal.

DATED at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016.