



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the application and execution of the renewal of an interagency agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to provide federal funding of \$54,376 for the Children's Advocacy Center Victim Advocate Grant for an additional 12 months.

- In 1999, the Children's Advocacy Center implemented this grant to supplement funding for a victim advocate, which has been renewed each year.
- This grant is for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and funds a portion of the salary for one 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 and emotional support and maintaining the current staff of victim advocates in order to provide efficient services to abused children.
- Sources of program funding include federal funds in the amount of \$54,376 for salary and matching funds of \$13,594 for salary and benefits, which is provided by the Children's Advocacy Center.
- 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, 2015 through September 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant budget for salary and fringe is already included in the State's Attorney's budget, and is comprised of \$54,376 in federal funds awarded, and \$13,594 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 Attorney's 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 #215315 with the ICJIA for the State's Attorney's Children's Advocacy Center program to provide advocacy services to child victims of crimes, for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, 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**, the federal funds will be deposited into account 101-3303010-45334, and the Children's Advocacy Center reimbursement will deposited into account 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 award.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on September 8, 2015.