



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) victim advocate grant program, awarded by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI), including \$233,006 in federal funds, which includes an increase of \$8,299.40 from state fiscal year (SFY) 2018.

- In 1999, the Children's Advocacy Center implemented two victim advocate grants, which have been renewed each year since, to supplement funding for two victim advocates, one being bilingual.
- In 2016, both grant programs were combined into one contract, and in 2017, funding for an additional victim advocate position was added.
- This grant is for the period of July 9, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and funds a portion of the salary and benefits for three victim advocates housed at the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center along with additional program costs.
- The victim advocates provide 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 \$233,006 (\$41,341 for the bilingual program, \$86,759 and \$104,906 for the other victim advocate programs) and matching funds in the amount of \$58,251.50 (\$40,009 for the bilingual program and \$18,242.50 for the other victim coordinator programs), which is provided by the Children's Advocacy Center, for salary, benefits and other program costs such as training and supplies.
- The Children's Advocacy Center provides the required match and any additional salary or benefit costs by reimbursing the State's Attorney's Office. No County funding is required for this program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) 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 July 9, 2018, through June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget for salary and fringe for three advocate positions are already included in the State's Attorney's budget, and is comprised of \$233,006 in federal funds awarded, and \$58,251.50 of matching funds already appropriated in the State's Attorney's budget which will be reimbursed by the Children's Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the renewal as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Program Agreement with the CACI for the State's Attorney's Children's Advocacy Center program to

provide advocacy services to child victims of crime, for the period of July 9, 2018, through June 30, 2019, is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the grant program expenses of \$233,006 in federal funds and \$58,251.50 of matching funds are already included in the State's Attorney's budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$233,006 in federal funds will be deposited into account 101-3302010-45334, and the Children's Advocacy Center reimbursement will be deposited into account 101-3302010-45020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an increase in the grant revenue budget in account 101-3302010-45334 in the amount of \$8,299.40 be approved; 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 August 14, 2018.