



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's victim advocate grant program, awarded by the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, including grant funding of \$86,094.

- DCFS grant funding to provide partial salary for a victim advocate at the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center began prior to 1998 and has been renewed each year since.
- This grant is for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and funds a portion of the salary and benefits for two victim advocates housed at the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center.
- 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, providing a digitally recorded interview in a child friendly location, providing mental health referrals, providing emotional support, conducting protocol reviews and Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) case meetings, and preventing re-victimization of children through education.
- Sources of funding include state funds in the amount of \$86,094 for partial salary and benefits of two victim advocates assigned to the grant program. The Children's Advocacy Center provides any additional salary costs by reimbursing the State's Attorney's Office.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the DCFS has announced a 12-month continuation of a victim advocate grant program to provide advocacy services to child victims of crimes during the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds of \$86,094 for this program will provide partial salary and benefits for the victim advocates assigned to the grant program; and

WHEREAS, funds have already been appropriated in the county Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 budget for this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Program Agreement with DCFS 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 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the all costs associated with the victim advocate positions are already appropriated in the State's Attorney's approved CFY 2021 budget in accounts 101-

3303020-51110,51240,74080,74100,74110, with offsetting revenue in the budgeted in account 101-3303020-45333; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$86,094 in state funds will be deposited into account 101-3303020-45333 and the Children's Advocacy Center reimbursement will be deposited into account 101-3303020-45020; 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 13, 2021.