



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing an amendment for funding for the Children's Advocacy Center's Department of Children and Family Services Program (DCFS) through an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant awarded by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center, including an emergency appropriation of \$57,900.84 in federal funds.

- These funds for the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's (LCCAC) grant will enable continuation of offering therapy, medical exam referrals and child victim advocacy in child abuse situations.
- The grant is administered through the OPM for the performance period of December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- The Lake County Children's Advocacy Center currently receives DCFS grant funding from OPM to support two Victim Advocate positions in the office. The Victim Advocates work with the child victims throughout the criminal justice process by providing them with advocacy, on-going support and addressing immediate needs.
- The additional funding of \$57,900.84 will be used to fund a portion of the salary and benefits for a Forensic Interviewer and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Coordinator, MDT training, supplies and the salary for a full-time Administrative Specialist/Community Liaison for the period of December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. No county funds are required.
- If funding for these positions end, and new funding is not secured, the positions will be eliminated.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced a funding increase of \$57,900.84 for the continuation of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) grant which will provide support and advocacy to child abuse victims during the period of December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the grant program will fund a portion of the salary and benefits for a Forensic Interviewer and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Coordinator, and the salary and benefits for a full-time Administrative Specialist/Community Liaison MDT training, supplies; and

WHEREAS, the grant extension amount of \$57,900.84 must be formally accepted by Lake County and it is necessary to appropriate the grant extension funding; 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 and execute the grant extension,

WHEREAS, if the funding for this program ends, and new funding is not secured, the program will be eliminated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, the OPM CAC DCFS grant extension for the period of December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, is hereby accepted and execution is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$57,900.84 in federal grant funding and offsetting revenue is hereby authorized for the DCFS CAC program grant as detailed in the attached chart of accounts; 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 the Lake County Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation in order to accept the grant award.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on May 10, 2022.