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Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance, and emergency appropriation of a State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 HB0900 Public Act 102-0698, Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant, for the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI), from the State General Revenue Fund administered through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) in the amount of $450,000 in state funds for the period of September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

- This Violence Prevention and Reduction Program grant will provide funding for the SAO Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI).
- The purpose of the GVPI is to work with community-based organizations to identify and hire violence interrupters who will work to reduce gun violence, specifically in Waukegan, North Chicago, and Zion and to provide opportunities for the most at-risk in our communities.
- The GVPI will engage residents, community leaders, local businesses, faith leaders, service providers, and high-risk individuals to build coalitions and develop strategies to reduce violence.
- The long-term and short-term key to reducing violence is through aggressive, evidence-based techniques that rely upon intense and sustained engagement with at-risk individuals over several years.
- The funding of $450,000 will provide for seven violence interrupter staff salary and benefits expenses.
- The grant is administered through the ICJIA for the performance period of September 1, 2022, through June 20, 2023.
- The source of program funding is 100 percent state funding, no County funds are required.
- If funding for this program ends, and new funding is not secured, the program and staff will be eliminated.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 HB0900 Public Act 102-0698, Section 81, appropriates from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, a grant to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office for a violence interrupter pilot program, GVPI, including administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant, for the State's Attorney's Office Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI), will be administered through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) in the amount of $450,000 in state funds for the period of September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS the state grant award will fund the salary and benefits for seven violence interrupters; and

WHEREAS the state grant award must be formally accepted by Lake County, and it is necessary to appropriate the grant 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 award; and

WHEREAS, if 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 SFY23 Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant, for the State's Attorney's Office Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, for the period of September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, is hereby accepted and execution is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of $450,000 in state grant funding and offsetting revenue is hereby authorized for the Violence Prevention and Reduction grant, GVPI, 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's Office; and

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

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on September 13, 2022.

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