

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Continuation Grant
Application for 2023

DATE OF MEETING: December 13, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: Not to exceed \$36,266.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Cash
- N/A
- In-Kind

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Solicitor-General's VAWA Continuation Grant Application for 2023

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has received the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Grant since April 2018. This grant funds budgeted costs associated with a specialized prosecutor to handle Family Violence and Violence Against Women Crimes. The continuation grant award period is January 01, 2023-December 31, 2023. At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved an increase in the salary for this position to \$60,000.00 plus benefits. The funding request for this year is considered continuation funding which usually results in funding amounts being the same as the original amount awarded during the competitive application process. However, we will be submitting a budget request to include the increased salary and benefits in hopes that additional funding will be awarded. If the request is approved as submitted then Lowndes County would be responsible for providing matching funds of \$21,611.00. If the additional funding is not awarded, and the funding amount is equal to the previous awarded amount, then Lowndes County would be responsible for a total cash match of \$36,266.00 to cover the increased costs approved at the November meeting previously referenced. This will be the last year of the continuation funding and CJCC plans to release a competitive opportunity next year. The Solicitor-General's office requests the board's approval to submit the VAWA Continuation Grant Application.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Solicitor-General's 2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Application.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: