

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal

Regular Meeting (X)
Work Session (X)
Recommendation ()
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()
Other ()

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2015

BUDGET IMPACT: Zero Impact on County

FUNDING SOURCE

- () Annual
- () Capital
- () N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: VOCA Funded VWAP Continuation Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The District Attorney's Office of the Southern Circuit has been a recipient of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 1997. The VOCA funds, combined with the 5% victim fees, provide the financial support for the Victim Services provided by the DA to all five counties. The grant is funneled through Lowndes County, rather than all five counties, for simplification and efficiency purposes. This grant, along with the 5% funds, allow the DA to provide victim services utilizing funds paid by federal and state defendants and not taxpayers. Submission of the application is due in Atlanta by November 3, 2015. We also request, for efficiency, that the Commission execute a letter allowing the grant funds to be deposited directly to the DA's Office, rather than the funds being deposited to Lowndes County and then a check sent to the DA and also execute a letter authorizing the District Attorney to sign any and all future paperwork pertaining to this VOCA Continuation Grant. (Sample Letters Attached).

- OPTIONS:
- 1. Approve VOCA grant application of the District Attorney
 - 2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: District Attorney's Office

Department Head: J. David Miller

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____