LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023 Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$86,266.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

(X) Annual - \$36,266.00

(X) CJCC Funding - \$50,000.00

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of FY 2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On December 13, 2022, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners approved the application for Continuation Funding available through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program. The requested funding will continue to pay the salary and fringe benefits for our VAWA Special Prosecutor. The application also included a request for additional funding to assist in covering these costs. The Solicitor General's Office was recently notified that their application was approved at the same level as the previous year in the amount of \$50,000.00 of Federal funds. In addition to the Federal funds awarded, Lowndes County will be responsible for \$36,266.00 in matching funds to fully cover the salary and benefits for the position. The performance period for this grant runs from January 1 through December 31, 2023. Acceptance of the award and activation of the award package requires that the Chairman sign the award documents and they be returned to the CJCC no later than April 14, 2023. This will allow Lowndes County to begin drawing funds.

OPTIONS: 1. Accept FY2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all award documents.

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: