

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of Solicitor General's FY24 VOCA Grant Award

DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 2024

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$33,232.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual \$33,232.00 Cash Match
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of SG's FY24 VOCA Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has been a recipient of the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 2014. This grant is vital in sustaining the Victim Services Program as it funds two of the SG's Victim Advocates. Over the last couple of years, the Federal Crime Victims Fund that supports the VOCA grant has declined significantly and the deposits that are currently going into the fund are not expected to sustain awards to states at their current levels. The Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC) has informed the Solicitor-General's Office that the FY24 VOCA Award will be in the amount of \$75,020.00, which results in a significant cut in federal funds when compared to previous years. The FY23 VOCA Award was funded at \$98,691.00. This cut in federal funding represents a decrease in the amount of \$23,671.00. The previous cash match required by the County for the VOCA Grant was \$6,000.00. However, due to cuts in funding and in order for the Victim Advocates to receive their raises that have already been accounted for in the County's 2023-2024 FY Budget, the county would be required to provide a cash match of \$33,232.00. The performance period for this grant runs from October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024. The Solicitor General's office requests the board's approval of the FY24 VOCA Grant Award and permission for the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to be included in the award packet.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve SG's FY24 VOCA Grant Award.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: