LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the VAWA Competitive Grant Award for 2024

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2024

Work
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Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$105,483.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- (X) Annual \$26,371.00
- (X) CJCC Funding \$79,112.00
- () N/A
- () SPLOST
- () TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of VAWA Competitive Grant Award for 2024

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On November 14, 2023, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners approved the application for Competitive Funding available through the VAWA Grant Program. The requested funding included a request for additional money to pay for the increase in salary and fringe benefits as well as necessary office supplies, and training costs for our VAWA Special Prosecutor. The Solicitor-General's Office applied for \$77,006 in federal funds. We were recently notified that our application was actually approved for even more than our request for a total amount of \$79,112 in federal funds. In addition to the federal funds awarded, Lowndes County will be responsible for \$26,371 in matching funds which is significantly less than the previous amount of \$36,266. The performance period for this grant runs from January 1 through December 31, 2024. 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 May 03, 2024. This will allow Lowndes County to begin drawing funds.

OPTIONS: 1. Accept FY2024 VAWA Competitive Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all award documents.

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Solicitor-General <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: