

January 13, 2026

To: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
From: Chairman Bill Slaughter

Re: Federal Grants originating from our District Attorney's Office
VOCA – FFY26 - October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
Sub-Grant Number: AW-VOCA-25-071-012

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as my explicit authorization for Bradfield M. Shealy, District Attorney of the Southern Judicial Circuit, to sign any and all paperwork for federal grants concerning the operation of the District Attorney's Office.

While Bradfield's main office is physically located in Valdosta, where 21 of his 34 employees are assigned, his office is responsible for prosecuting cases and serving victims in Brooks, Colquitt, Echols, Lowndes and Thomas counties. Furthermore, he has branch offices in both Moultrie and Thomasville.

Inasmuch as the District Attorney coordinates his office payroll and other expenditures with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia for the operation of his office, it is entirely appropriate and most efficient for the taxpayers of our circuit that he be allowed to sign on all grant paperwork, including but not limited to, VOCA, VAWA and Byrne grants.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Slaughter
Chairman
Lowndes County Board of Commissioners