



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 23-00541

Agenda Date: 9/12/2023

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Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding Contract for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Presenter:

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, 352-231-0058

Description:

Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Legal Affairs, Office of Attorney General to provide \$401,370.00 of VOCA funding to support services to victims of crime. The agreement includes a provision granting ownership of any Intellectual Property developed under the contract to the State of Florida. As funding provided under this agreement is on a reimbursement basis, we are requesting an inter-fund loan in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Recommended Action:

Approve the agreement, waive County policy regarding Intellectual Property, and approve the inter-fund loan of \$200,000.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

VOCA Grant Fund 018 \$200,000 interfund loan.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The VOCA grant provides funding for a number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE) (Victim Advocate Counselors) that support and assist victims of violent and traumatic crime in Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. The Advocates provide a variety of services including: 24/7 response to sexual assault victims at the hospital or law enforcement agency, crisis counseling, information on victims' rights, information on local medical, legal and therapeutic remedies, and criminal justice advocacy. The Division has been providing certified rape crisis response services to Bradford and Union Counties since 2006.