



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 23-00382

Agenda Date: 8/8/2023

Agenda Item Name:

Second Amendment with the City of Gainesville for a Victim Advocate Counselor

Presenter:

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

Description:

Second Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville to provide City funding for a Victim Advocate at the Gainesville Police Department employed by Alachua County

Recommended Action:

Approve the Second Amendment with the City of Gainesville for a Victim Advocate.

Prior Board Motions:

The original Interlocal Agreement was approved by the Board on 1/11/22, consent item #13.

The First Amendment to the Agreement was approved by the Board on 9/13/22.

Fiscal Note:

GPD Grant Fund 263

Revenue \$76,620 - 263.29.2970.337.1010

Expense \$76,620 – 263.29.2970.569.XX.XX Various Accounts

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The County has partnered with the City of Gainesville since 1999 in order to maintain a satellite victim services office at the Gainesville Police Department (GPD), which is managed by the Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center (ACVSRCC). The City of Gainesville funding has supported one of the victim advocate counselor positions based at GPD since 2005 with grants sought by the City, or at times with City funds. This year the City will again be funding the position with City funds, Alachua County hires, trains and supervises the position, and the City reimburses the County for the salary and fringe expenses. The City also provides computers, training, use of a City vehicle as needed, and office space and supplies to the County employee. In addition to working at GPD, the County employee serves in the County's on-call rotation for rape crisis response services. This has been a positive partnership which allows victim advocate counselors to work closely with investigators at GPD. Victims receive updates on their cases more quickly since advocates are based at GPD. Additionally, victims receive in-person emotional support while onsite at GPD since advocates are

housed within the law enforcement agency.