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From the District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, requesting authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, additional Victims of Crime Act grant funding in the amount of \$1,282,151 for salaries, fringe benefits, supplies, equipment, and amenities, which will enhance services to crime victims for the period effective October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, is requesting, pursuant to Section 56.06(1) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, permission to apply for additional Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding in the amount of \$1,635,843 (\$1,282,151 in Federal funds plus \$353,692 in local matching funds) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and to accept the supplemental VOCA grant funding, if awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney has a longstanding VOCA grant program that presently provides funding for the salaries and fringe benefits of 8.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees; 4.0 FTE Sensitive Crime Victim Advocates in the Sensitive Crimes Unit; 2.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocates in the Crisis Response Unit; and 2.0 FTE Victim Witness Advocates in the Domestic Violence Unit; and

WHEREAS, the VOCA grant funds 80 percent of project expenses with a 20 percent local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice recently announced a competitive round of VOCA grant funding to provide \$38 million for one year to enhance services to crime victims in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this VOCA grant funding, if awarded, will provide funding of \$1,635,843 (\$1,282,151 in Federal funds, plus \$353,692 in local matching funds) from October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020, consisting of approximately \$1,054,555 for the salary and fringe benefits of 11 District Attorney positions, including 3 new positions; 1.0 Victim Witness Advocate in the Violent Crimes Unit; 1.0 Victim Witness Advocate in the General Crimes Unit; and 1.0 Paralegal to assist in the processing of victim-related legal papers; and approximately \$581,288 in supplies, equipment, amenities, and other forms of support directed to the support of victims and witnesses in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this additional VOCA grant funding, if awarded, will have no tax levy effect because the 20 percent local match requirement is met with expenditures presently funded by the 2019 Adopted Budget, and no appropriation of funds is required, either in 2019 or 2020, beyond those appropriated or to be appropriated; and

47           WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of June 13,  
48 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-482 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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50           BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
51 authorizes and approves the District Attorney's request, pursuant to Section 56.06(1),  
52 Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, to apply for additional Victims of Crime  
53 Act (VOCA) grant funding in the amount of \$1,635,843 (\$1,282,151 in Federal funds,  
54 plus \$353,692 in local matching funds) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and  
55 to accept the additional VOCA grant funding, if awarded.  
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