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(ITEM) From the District Attorney, requesting authorization to apply for and accept additional Victims of Crime Act grant funding in the amount of \$142,940, to include \$114,353 in Federal funds and \$28,587 in local matching funds, from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, by recommending adoption of the following:

A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Office 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 of \$142,940 (\$114,353 in Federal funds plus \$28,587 in local matching funds) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), and to accept the supplemental VOCA grant funding, if awarded; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Office has a longstanding VOCA program that provides funding for some training expenses and the salaries and fringe benefits of 6.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees: 3.0 FTE Sensitive Crime Victim Advocates in the Sensitive Crimes Unit; 2.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocates in the Crisis Response Unit; and 1.0 FTE Victim Witness Advocate in the Domestic Violence Unit at the Sojourner Family Justice Center; and

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

WHEREAS, the State DOJ recently announced a competitive round of additional VOCA funding, with an application deadline of May 18, 2016, to provide up to \$15 million in additional VOCA funding to enhance services to crime victims in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this VOCA grant funding, if awarded, will provide additional funding of \$142,940 (\$114,353 in Federal funds plus \$28,587 in local matching funds), from October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017, consisting of approximately \$138,444 for the salary and fringe benefits of two new district attorney positions: a Victim/Witness Advocate in the Domestic Violence Unit located at the Sojourner Family Justice Center; and a new Sensitive Crimes Victim Advocate in the Sensitive Crimes Unit, and approximately \$3,496 in computer equipment for the new positions and \$1,000 for staff development and training; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this additional VOCA grant funding, if awarded, will have no tax levy effect because the District Attorney’s Office will absorb the local match expenses of approximately \$7,621 within its 2016 budget and no appropriation of funds is required; and

45 WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office will ask the Department of
46 Administrative Services to include funding for the 2017 portion of this VOCA project in
47 the District Attorney's 2017 operating budget; and
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49 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of
50 May 19, 2016, recommended adoption of the District Attorney's request (vote 6-0); now,
51 therefore,
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53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
54 authorizes and approves the District Attorney's request, pursuant to Section 56.06(1) of
55 the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, to apply for additional Victims of
56 Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding of \$142,940 (\$114,353 in Federal funds plus \$28,587
57 local matching funds) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice and to accept the
58 additional VOCA grant funding, if awarded.
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