

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: November 4, 2019

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Joseph Lamers, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget,
Department of Administrative Services

Subject: Request to Create 1.0 FTE Grant funded Victim/Witness Advocate in the
Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Request

The District Attorney's Office is requesting to create one (1.0) FTE Victim/Witness Advocate to implement a Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant award.

Background

On October 1, 2019, the District Attorney's Office received an award letter from the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice indicating the office had received a grant award in the amount of \$316,576.

The award included amounts for a Victim/Witness Advocate for a period of approximately September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021. The Victim/Witness Advocate will maintain a continuity of contact with gun violence witnesses and ensure that witnesses are supported and available for purposes of prosecution, including trial. This individual will be co-located in both the District Attorney's Violent Crime Unit and at the Milwaukee Police Department.

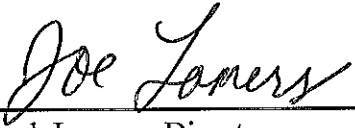
Recommendation

The Department of Administrative Services - Performance, Strategy and Budget recommends that 1.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocate be created in the office of the District Attorney.

Action	Title	No. of Positions	Title Code	Pay Grade
Create	Victim/Witness Advocate	1.0	84171	16Z6 (\$49,523 annually)

Fiscal Impact

Salary and benefits for the 1.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocate will be funded by the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant award with the position being filled at the start of Pay Period 2 of 2020. This funding was already included in the District Attorney's 2020 budget.



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