2019 RES-347

ACCEPTING VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DCDHS – ACS DIVISION

The Wisconsin Department of Justice has awarded Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds to Dane County to address the needs of particular victims of crime. The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) has long received VOCA grant funds to serve older adults who have been the victims of crime. Beginning October 1, 2019, DCDHS is receiving additional grant funds to support people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) who have also been victims of crime.

When older adults and people with I/DD are victimized, they often suffer greater physical, mental, and financial injuries than the general population, therefore they may need specialized support and understanding to recover. This funding will allow DCDHS to assist older adults and people with I/DD to overcome the trauma of the crime, understand their options, and exercise their legal rights as they are able. The grant will serve Dane County adults over the age of 60 as well as adults and children with I/DD who are victims of a violent, nonviolent, and/or financial crime.

VOCA grant funds include reimbursement for personnel costs, supplies for outreach efforts, and emergency funds for crime victims served by the project. DCDHS will also use grant funds to initiate a contract with Heart Consulting, LLC, which specializes in providing counseling services to the I/DD population and will work with those individuals referred by project staff.

The total amount of the VOCA grant funds awarded to DCDHS by the State of Wisconsin total \$123,528 for the period of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. This resolution authorizes the use of funds in addition to those that were already budgeted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following new expenditure accounts be added to the Adult Protective Services section in the Department of Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following revenue account be credited to the General Fund and transferred from the general fund to the following expenditure accounts in the Department of Human Services:

38 39	Revenue Account Number		Account Title	Amount
40	43000	85575	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$ 54,800
41		Accessor Number	Account Title	Amazint
42 43	Expenditure Account Number		Account Title	Amount
44	40000	20648	Conference and Training	\$ 16,450
45	43000	21642 (New)	VOCA Outreach Supplies	\$ 1,973
46	43000	21641 (New)	VOCA Emergency Victim Assistance	\$ 13,777
47	43000	35507 (New)	Counseling/Therapeutic Resources	\$ 22,600

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that monies remaining in these budget lines at the close of 2019 shall be carried forward into the 2020 budget.