



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

First Renewal and Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville for a Victim Advocate at the Gainesville Police Department

Presenter:

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Description:

Renewal and Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville for a Victim Advocate at the Gainesville Police Department providing \$70,487.00 to the County for the expense of a Victim Advocate (1 FTE) stationed at the Gainesville Police Department

Recommended Action:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Chair to execute it.

Prior Board Motions:

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

Fiscal Consideration:

GPD Grant Fund

263.29.2970.337.1010

263.29.2970.569.XXXX Various Accounts

Revenue \$70,487 -

Expense \$70,487 -

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.