

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-130

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY, THROUGH THE CLAYTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT THROUGH THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE, AS MAY BE REQUIRED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, seeks to apply for, and if awarded accept, the 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act Grant Program (“VOCA Grant”), which is awarded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (“CJCC”) and is an annual renewal request that supports one full-time and two part-time Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) Volunteer Supervisors for the Clayton County Juvenile Court’s CASA program; and

WHEREAS the Clayton County Juvenile Court (“the Court”) is requesting up to \$100,168.00 in grant funding with the cash or in-kind match requirement to be satisfied through CASA volunteer service; and

WHEREAS the grant funding time period is October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Court’s CASA program is dependent upon screened and trained volunteers to provide advocacy services for children ages 0-18, who are victims of abuse,

neglect and abandonment that come before the Court and the National and Georgia CASA organizations restrict the number of volunteers per supervisor to 30; and

WHEREAS obtaining grant funding allows the Court to increase the number of children the Court can service with CASA services; and

WHEREAS the State of Georgia has seen significant decreases in VOCA funding, therefore, the CJCC has applied for and has been awarded emergency supplemental funding to offset those decreases; and

WHEREAS the absence of the grant funding would eliminate one full-time CASA Volunteer Supervisor and two part-time CASA Volunteer Supervisors which would reduce the number of youths the Court would be able to serve; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County, and that the County will best be served by allowing the County to apply and if awarded accept the grant funding for the above stated purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, to apply for, and if awarded accept the 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act Grant Program, which is awarded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and is an annual renewal request that supports one full-time and two part-time CASA Volunteer Supervisors for the Juvenile Court's CASA program in an amount of up to \$100,168.00 with an in-kind match requirement to be satisfied through CASA volunteer service.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chairman to execute any documents and to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Board further authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, as may be required.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 20th day of June 2023.

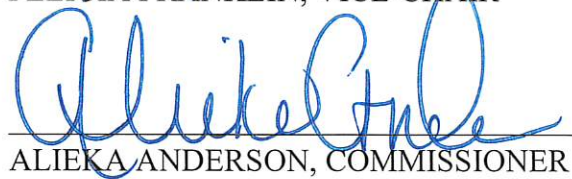
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