# VICTIM ADVOCACY GRANT Fund 675-041



Victim Advocacy Grant (675-041) position: 1 FTE

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To guide victims through the judicial process and to assist victims with the management of problems created by victimization by providing support, education, courtroom advocacy, assistance with obtaining restitution, and referrals to community-based service providers.

#### **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The previous victim advocacy grant, managed by the State's Attorney's Office, provided funding towards the salary of the Victim Advocacy Program Victim-Witness Counselor. The grant funding ended in 2017 and was not renewed for 2018. The counselor serves as the first point of contact between felony crime victims and the judicial system. The counselor assists the State's Attorney with meeting statutory obligations imposed under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. The funding source for this program was a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and matching funds from the Champaign County Board. In FY2020, the SAO intends to apply for grants from State agencies, such as the Illinois Criminal Justice Information, if and when it becomes available; in the interim, we will increase the transfer to Fund 675 to support the vital, necessary work of our Victim Advocates. Increase in expenditures would correlate to salary increases for non-bargaining employees.

#### FINANCIAL

		Fund 675 Dept 041		2018 Actual	2019 Original	2019 Projected	2020 Budget
361	10	INVESTMENT INTEREST		\$193	\$0	\$0	\$0
		MISCELLANEOUS		\$193	\$0	\$0	\$0
371	80	FROM GENERAL CORP FND 080		\$40,917	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
		INTERFUND REVENUE		\$40,917	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
FY2020 Budget		249		Victim Advocacy Grant			
Chan	npaign	County, Illinois			Fund 675-041		

		REVENUE TOTALS	\$41,110	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
511	3	REG. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES PERSONNEL	\$40,722 \$40,722	\$38,583 \$38,583	\$38,583 \$38,583	\$39,929 \$39,929
		EXPENDITURE TOTALS	\$40,722	\$38,583	\$38,583	\$39,929

#### FUND BALANCE

FY2018 Actual	FY2019 Projected	FY2020 Budgeted
\$814	\$2,231	\$2,302

There is no fund balance requirement for this fund.

### FULL TIME EMPLOYEE HISTORY

FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
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## **DESCRIPTION**

The Victim Advocacy Program Victim-Witness Counselor provides ongoing information and assistance to the victims of these crimes as the cases proceed through the judicial process. At the beginning of each felony case, the counselor provides the crime victim with notice of charges, upcoming court dates, and available services, including local sources for counseling and other relevant social services. Throughout the course of the case, the counselor provides ongoing services for felony crime victims including court-related support; court orientation; court escort and accompaniment; case status information; assistance with writing victim impact statements; assistance with restitution and evidence; arraigning witness fees; hotels and transportation for out of town court witnesses; and case disposition information. The counselor also provides support to victims after the final disposition of the case by keeping victims apprised of offender prison release dates and assisting with information regarding collection of restitution.

## **OBJECTIVES**

Provide information and assistance to victims and witnesses regarding the criminal justice process in accordance with statutory requirements.

### PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Indicator	Actual	Projected	Budgeted
Number of New Felony Crime Victims Served	768	745	775
Number of Ongoing contacts w/ Felony Crime Victims through judicial process of a case	1822	1782	1825