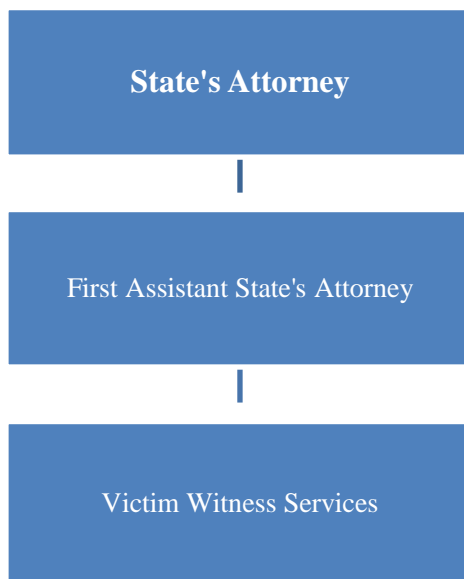


# VICTIM ADVOCACY GRANT

## Fund 675-041



Victim Advocacy Grant (675-041) position: 0 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 FY2021, the SAO intends to apply for grants from State agencies, such as the Illinois Criminal Justice Information, if and when it becomes available. No interfund transfer will be done in FY2021, as the Victim Witness Advocate position was moved to the General Fund.

### FINANCIAL

| Fund 675 Dept 041 |    | 2019 Actual | 2020 Original | 2020 Projected | 2021 Budget |
|-------------------|----|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 371               | 80 | \$38,583    | \$40,000      | \$39,113       | \$0         |
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|     |   |                           |                 |                 |                 |            |
|-----|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
|     |   | <b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>     | <b>\$38,583</b> | <b>\$40,000</b> | <b>\$39,113</b> | <b>\$0</b> |
| 511 | 3 | REG. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES  | \$38,581        | \$39,929        | \$39,929        | \$0        |
|     |   | PERSONNEL                 | \$38,581        | \$39,929        | \$39,929        | \$0        |
|     |   | <b>EXPENDITURE TOTALS</b> | <b>\$38,581</b> | <b>\$39,929</b> | <b>\$39,929</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**FUND BALANCE**

|                      |                         |                        |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>FY2019 Actual</b> | <b>FY2020 Projected</b> | <b>FY2021 Budgeted</b> |
| \$816                | \$0                     | \$0                    |

There is no fund balance requirement for this fund.

**FULL TIME EMPLOYEE HISTORY**

|               |               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>FY2017</b> | <b>FY2018</b> | <b>FY2019</b> | <b>FY2020</b> | <b>FY2021</b> |
| 1             | 1             | 1             | 1             | 0             |

**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**

|   |                      |                         |                        |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Indicator</b>  | <b>FY2019 Actual</b> | <b>FY2020 Projected</b> | <b>FY2021 Budgeted</b> |
| 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                   |