



Legislation Text

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Title:

Grant Application - Office on Violence Against Women (OVM) - Justice for Families 2020

Action:

ACTION:

1) Approve submission of renewal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for the Justice for Families Program for up to \$550,000 over three years to enhance operations of the Supervised Visitation Safe Exchange Center and provision of civil legal assistance for victims of domestic violence.

2) If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate the award amount to the grant fund within Community Support Services.

Staff Contact: Stacy M. Lowry, Community Support Services, Director

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Center, which opened in November 2014, provides a secure environment for exchange or supervised visits between children and their parents when there has been domestic violence in the home. The Center, which was created via a partnership between Mecklenburg County, the 26th Judicial District, and Safe Alliance, increases safety for adult and child victims of domestic violence while decreasing opportunities for further abuse before, during and after services. This grant will fund a court liaison position that works towards increasing the immediacy of court referrals for visitation. In addition, the grant will fund civil legal assistance in custody cases for the non-offending parent.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase in revenue and associated expenditures in the amount of \$550,000 in the General Grant Fund G001.