



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve grant application to Crime Victim Services of NC Governor’s Crime Commission for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to approve grant application to Crime Victim Services for funding from the NC Governor’s Crime Commission to expand victim services in the Sheriff’s Office. These services will be directed to expand victim services for financial and/or identity theft, addressing the intersection of violence and substance use disorder, and to be in compliance with the North Carolina Victim’s Rights Act.

Introduction & Background: This grant provides funding for two new victim services coordinators. These two new positions will work with crime victims and ensure their rights are addressed while the Sheriff’s Office investigates and prosecutes crimes. The victim services coordinators will ensure that crime victims have availability of medical services, if needed; ensure victims are aware of crime victims’ compensation funds under Chapter 15B of the General Statutes; have the address and telephone number of the district attorney’s office responsible for prosecuting the case; notify victims of arrest in cases; give information about an accused’s opportunity for pretrial release; contact the victim upon release of the accused from confinement; and, provide an informational sheet described in G.S. 50B-3(c1), if there was a personal relationship as defined in G.S. 50B-1(b), with the accused. Victim coordinators will also work with financial fraud and/ or identity theft victims. In addition, victim coordinators will focus on addressing the intersection of violence and substance use disorder.

Discussion & Analysis: Award is for a two year period, to begin 10/1/20 and conclude 9/30/22. A 20% match is required and will be funded through general county funds. The county funding match for this two year grant is \$58,552.86.

An award of \$234,211.46 for two years will supplement personnel costs, travel expenses, and computers for the new positions.

In Summary:

	TOTAL
Personnel	\$283,016.32
Travel	\$4,500.00
Supplies	\$5,248.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$292,764.32
MATCH (20%)	\$58,552.86
FEDERAL REQUEST	\$234,211.46

\* Match is provided through county general funds.

**Budgetary Impact:** This grant will expand two new positions and supplement other position needs. It is anticipated that ongoing grant applications will be necessary to sustain services.

**Recommendation:** Approve permission to apply for grant award.