



**TO:** JIM GRAY, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

**FROM:** IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**DATE:** JANUARY 4, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Grant application requesting federal funds under the Justice for Families Program for the Department of Social Services

**Request:**

Request Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women under the Justice for Families Program requesting federal funds in the amount of \$550,000 to improve the community's response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

**Purpose of Request:**

The Department of Social Services has prepared a grant application for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women requesting \$550,000 under the Justice for Families Program. If approved, these funds will be used to provide continuation funding for Sunflower Kids, Inc., to provide supervised visitation and safe exchanges of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence; to create a domestic violence offender management program in the Office of the Friend of the Court to increase offender accountability and compliance with civil orders of protection; and to increase victim safety through the creation and facilitation of a Victim Safety Consortium composed of victim survivors and community partners, included court-based personnel.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

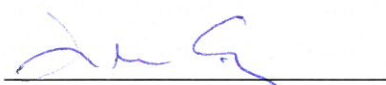
\$550,000 is being requested for the three-year period from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. No matching funds are required.

**Are the funds budgeted?**

Funds will be budgeted if application for funding is approved by the U.S. Department o

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**Director/Commissioner:** Theakston/Ford

  
Irene Gooding, Director

