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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: October 24, 2019

Re: s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats. Request

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration, received October 24, 2019, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., on behalf of the Brown County District Attorney's office.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, November 12, 2019**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
Joel Brennan, Secretary

Date: October 24, 2019

To: The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance

The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Joel T. Brennan, Secretary
Department of Administration

Subject: s. 16.515/16.505(2) Request(s)

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Enclosed are request(s) that have been approved by this department under the authority granted in s. 16.515 and s. 16.505(2). The explanation for each request is included in the attached materials. Listed below is a summary of each item:

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	2019-20		2020-21	
		AMOUNT	FTE	AMOUNT	FTE
DAs 20.475(1)(h)	Gifts and grants		1.0		1.0

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on November 14, 2019, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet in formal session about any of the requests.

Please contact Kirsten Grinde at 266-1353, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

Attachments

Date: October 21, 2019
To: Brian Pahnke
From: Maggie Hamer
Subject: Section 16.505(2) Request

Attached is a s. 16.505(2) request analysis for your approval and processing. Listed below is a summary of each item:

DOA RECOMMENDATION:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2019-20</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DAs 20.475(1)(h)	Gifts and grants		1.0		1.0

AGENCY REQUEST:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2019-20</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DAs 20.475(1)(h)	Gifts and grants		1.0		1.0

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
Joel Brennan, Secretary
Brian Pahnke, Administrator

Date: October 21, 2019

To: Joel Brennan, Secretary
Department of Administration

From: Maggie Hamer
Executive Policy and Budget Analyst

Subject: Request Under s. 16.505(2) from the Brown County District Attorney for the Creation of a 1.0 FTE Program Revenue Assistant District Attorney Permanent Position.

Request:

The Department of Administration, on behalf of the Brown County District Attorney's Office, requests the creation of a 1.0 FTE program revenue assistant district attorney permanent position.

Revenue Sources for Appropriation(s):

The revenue source for the position in the gifts and grants appropriation under s. 20.475(1)(h) is a grant from the state Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services to the Brown County District Attorney's Office. As the grant is funded from a program revenue continuing, all moneys received appropriation, there is no accompanying request for an increase in expenditure authority. The Brown County District Attorney's Office would reimburse the salary and fringe benefit expenses for the assistant district attorney position from the grant award.

Background:

Since January 2014, Brown County has been awarded grant funding to support an assistant district attorney project position to address Violence Against Women cases. Violence Against Women cases include sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking directed toward a female 11 years of age or older. The Violence Against Women assistant district attorney position is a component of Brown County's strategy to implement best practice-based domestic violence and sexual assault case prosecution policies, and to build relationships with the victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and the community organizations and advocacy groups that provide victim services.

The Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Act Specialized Prosecution Regional Resource Prosecutor program was a part of a 2015 competitive grant process through the Department of Justice. In October 2015, the state Department of Justice awarded Brown County \$91,920 of federal money to fund a 1.0 FTE prosecutor position for one year. This grant was competitive for the initial award year, but noncompetitive for the subsequent years. The October 2015 position was an extension of a

position originally created in January 2014. Following the initial one-year award of \$91,920, Brown County has been awarded additional funding in each fiscal year to continue the 1.0 FTE position.

Analysis:

The STOP Violence Against Women Grant allows an assistant district attorney to specialize in domestic violence and sexual assault cases and to build relationships with the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and the community organizations that provide services to victims. The Violence Against Women assistant district attorney provides vertical prosecution, which means the same prosecutor works the case through the prosecution for most, if not all, sexual assault and domestic violence cases referred to the office. In addition, by following the case from the initial hearing through sentencing, the prosecutor provides the victim or victims with a consistent specialized single point of contact throughout the process. Without the additional prosecutor position, the Brown County District Attorney's Office would be unable to dedicate the appropriate resources to these types of cases, as the existing staff is also required to prosecute violent and property crimes.

Beginning October 1, 2015, the Department of Justice changed the structure of the Violence Against Women assistant district attorney grant positions. Rather than having a Violence Against Women assistant district attorney dedicated to only one county, the department provided grants for Regional Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor positions to serve the four regions of Wisconsin. Consequently, only 40 percent of the Violence Against Women assistant district attorney's time is allocated for local caseloads, which includes issuing cases and case management. The remaining 60 percent of the position includes training other attorneys to file and litigate their own Violence Against Women cases, providing research support to address legal issues arising in Violence Against Women cases, and engaging in outreach to address local issues in the handling of these cases.

The Violence Against Women assistant district attorney permanent position would continue to develop and implement specific domestic violence and sexual assault case policies and procedure, create a comprehensive case review process, and work to address the backlog of domestic violence and sexual assault cases. The office has continued to experience a backlog of cases, even with the renewal of the current position.

During the last grant period, this prosecutor position has continued to be significantly involved in the community and in surrounding counties. The incumbent has established contact with either a prosecutor or an advocate in 14 counties and has attended multidisciplinary team meetings in eight counties. The prosecutor facilitated a training about the criminal justice system for advocates at Wise Women Gathering Place, an advocacy center focused on women associated with the Oneida Tribe, and presented at two law enforcement in-service trainings for the Oneida Police Department.

The Department of Justice has indicated that \$110,000 will be awarded to Brown County to support the Violence Against Women assistant district attorney position for another year. The department has also notified the State Prosecutor's Office that the funding stream for this position is expected to be continued long-term with noncompetitive renewals every year. Because of the continued support for this position, the Brown County District Attorney's

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Office is requesting a 1.0 FTE permanent position. The funds for this position would be monitored closely and should a shortfall occur or if the grant were not renewed, the position would be vacated.

The assistant district attorney position furthers the State's policy to fight domestic violence by developing and strengthening effective responses to violence against women and building relationships with collaborative partners in the criminal justice system and the advocacy groups that serve victims in Brown County and the surrounding region.

Recommendation:

Approve the request.



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
Joel Brennan, Secretary
James M. Langdon, Administrator

DATE: September 20, 2019

TO: Brian Pahnke, Administrator
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

FROM: Kasey Deiss, Director
State Prosecutors Office

SUBJECT: REQUEST UNDER S. 16.505 FOR DEPARTMENT 475: BROWN
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On behalf of the Brown County District Attorney's Office, I am submitting the attached request for authorization to create a 1.0 FTE program revenue permanent position in Department 475, District Attorneys.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST UNDER S. 16.505 FOR
POSITION AUTHORIZATION**

I. REQUEST

The Department of Administration (DOA) requests, under s.16.505, the creation of a permanent 1.0 FTE program revenue (PR) assistant district attorney (ADA) position beginning October 1, 2019. The position will be in the Brown County District Attorney's (DA's) Office and will be funded via appropriation s.20.475(1)(h)..

II. BACKGROUND

The STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Specialized Prosecution Regional Resource Prosecutor program was part of a 2015 competitive bid process, through the WI DOJ, to seek funding for a 1.0 FTE ADA position, which acts as a regional prosecutor specializing in cases of violence against women. On October 5, 2015, the WI DOJ awarded Brown County \$91,920 of federal grant money to fund a 1.0 FTE prosecutor for one year. The grant was competitive for the initial award year, but non-competitive for the following years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20). Brown County was awarded \$95,800 on October 25, 2016 for the second year of the grant and \$117,181 on November 6, 2017 for the third year. In the fourth year Brown county was awarded \$100,000. Because the grant is non-competitive, Brown County anticipates receiving the funds for which it has applied this year and every year thereafter. The application anticipates \$110,000 for payroll and additional employee benefits. This amount is sufficient to cover the cost of a 1.0 FTE prosecutor from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Furthermore, as the program is now fully established with a five-year track record of consistent funding, staffing and support at the local, state and federal levels, it is appropriate to convert this position from a Project Position to a Permanent PR position.

The Regional Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutors (Regional VAWRP) model was developed to ensure a statewide prosecution response to cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking and stalking that supports victims and holds offenders accountable. The Brown County Regional VAW Resource Prosecutor will work to continue to: 1) Streamline the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking cases by implementing customized, best-practices-based policies and standardized litigation materials, based on local needs and assessment results; 2) Provide technical assistance including legal research, case analysis and management, and litigation strategy to prosecutors in Region 4 counties upon request; 3) Continue to reduce Brown County's sensitive crimes backlog; and 4) Continue collaboration with Brown County CCR/SART and AHTTF partners and victim advocacy groups, as well as develop or strengthen these same collaborative teams in Region 4 counties based upon local needs assessment. Overall, the Brown County Regional VAW Resource Prosecutor will work to improve prosecution outcomes in sensitive crimes cases by increasing the quality of training and case preparation without significantly increasing the time expended on case management and by increasing collaboration among local agencies.

Over the last year, the RVAWRP has continued to reach out to prosecutors in every county in Region 4. Over the course of the prosecutor's entire tenure as RVAWRP, personal contact has been established with either a prosecutor or an advocate in 14 counties, has attended at least one multi-disciplinary team meeting in 8 counties (and one other currently scheduled), and has made in-person visits to meet with the elected DA in 3 counties. MDT meetings attended included the Waupaca SART, Portage DART, Lincoln CCR, Marinette CCR, Portage SART, Door CCR, and Tri-County SART (including Outagamie). The RVAWRP continues to attend meetings in these counties where contact has been established approximately twice per year. Site visits to the District Attorney's office included Langlade, Marathon, and Lincoln counties, where the RVAWRP met with both the elected DA and victim/witness staff to discuss current prosecution of cases involving violence against women and challenges associated with that prosecution. The RVAWRP also continues to build relationships with other prosecutors in Region 4 – mostly Assistant District Attorneys – by presenting and engaging with those prosecutors at Regional VAWRP-Hosted Trainings. This outreach was in addition to regular membership and attendance in the Brown County CCR, Human Trafficking and DV Protocol Subcommittees, SAKI Protocol team, and Oneida Tribal CCR at the local level. At the state-wide level the RVAWRP also participates in the Attorney General SART, including the legislative and kit tracking subcommittees.

During the last grant period, the RVAWRP facilitated a training about the criminal justice system and court procedures for advocates at Wise Women Gathering Place (an advocacy center focused on women associated with the Oneida Tribe), presented at 2 law enforcement in-service trainings for the Oneida Police Department, and also participated in facilitating three of the five Regional Domestic Violence trainings hosted by the RVAWRPs from July through September 2019. The RVAWRP also regularly participates in training for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners through the Department of Justice, including a lecture about trial testimony and/or participation in a "mock trial" scenario involving a SANE on the witness stand. The RVAWRP also attended several trainings during the last grant period, including a three-day conference on Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Investigation in La Crosse; Human Trafficking for Patrol Officers hosted by the United States Department of Justice in Green Bay; Neurobiology of Human Trafficking in Menasha; and a "train the trainers" course on Human Trafficking in Madison. Throughout the year, the RVAWRP has also attended several topical webinars hosted by the DOJ, Battered Women's Justice Project, and Justice Clearinghouse.

III. ANALYSIS

This position is in furtherance of the State's policy to fight domestic violence by developing and strengthening effective responses to violence against women. The grant encourages collaboration between the primary players in the criminal justice system (victim/witness counselors, prosecutors, and law enforcement) and the advocacy groups that serve Eau Claire County and surrounding counties. Victim safety and offender accountability are important aspects of the grant.

IV. FISCAL ANALYSIS

The \$110,000 will be awarded to Brown County, based on a discussion with Shira Phelps, VAWA Grants Administration in the Office of Crime Victim Services at the WI DOJ.

II. REVENUE SOURCE FOR APPROPRIATION

The revenue source for the position in the gifts and grants appropriation under s. 20.475(1)(h), Wis. Stats., WI Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Crime Victim Services grant to the Brown County DA's Office. As the grant is funded from a program revenue continuing, all moneys received appropriation, there is no accompanying request for an increase in expenditure authority. The Brown County District Attorney's Office will reimburse the State of Wisconsin District Attorney Department the salary and fringe benefit costs for the ADA position from the grant award.

VI. SPECIAL INFORMATION

The co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, in a letter to Department of Administration Secretary dated June 12, 1996, set forth four additional items of information that should be included in a s.16.505 request for additional positions in the District Attorney program.

- 1) *An explanation of the effect of the positions on weighted caseload for the requesting counties (the LAB methodology is suggested).*

Table 1 indicates the LAB methodology's results using the modifications recommended by the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association and highlights the impact on the Brown DA Office. The table uses the most current court data available and the positions authorized as of August 9, 2018. It is important to note that the position need shown in the LAB methodology is a general need responding to all duties of a DA office and is not specific to a particular type of criminal activity or caseload.

- 2) *An assessment of similar caseload problems in counties not addressed by the request.*

Data with which to make this assessment are not available.

- 3) *An explanation of why the request has greater priority than similar needs existing in other counties.*

The WI DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services awarded this grant to the Brown County DA's Office.

- 4) *If the request is intended to address a specific type of caseload, an explanation of why this type of caseload has a greater priority than other types.*
- 5) This grant, funded by the DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services, is intended for the Brown County DA's Office to develop and strengthen effective responses to violence against women in Brown County and surrounding counties.

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FINAL 2015-2017 DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

DA Office	8/9/18 GPR- Funded FTE Positions*	8/9/18 Program Revenue- Funded FTE Positions*	8/9/18 Total FTE Positions*	Additional FTE Needed	Estimated Total FTE Needed	Additional FTE Needed as a % of 8/9/18 GPR- Funded FTE	Additional FTE Needed as a % of 8/9/18 Total FTE	GPR- Funded FTE as a % of Estimated Total FTE Needed	Total FTE as a % of Estimated Total FTE Needed
Adams	1.20		1.20	2.27	3.47	189%	189%	35%	35%
Ashland	2.00		2.00	1.29	3.29	65%	65%	61%	61%
Barron	3.00		3.00	2.90	5.90	97%	97%	51%	51%
Bayfield	1.00		1.00	0.89	1.89	89%	89%	53%	53%
Brown	12.00	1.00	13.00	12.76	25.76	106%	98%	47%	50%
Buffalo	1.00		1.00	0.85	1.85	85%	85%	54%	54%
Burnett	1.25		1.25	2.19	3.44	175%	175%	36%	36%
Calumet	2.00		2.00	1.28	3.28	64%	64%	61%	61%
Chippewa	5.00		5.00	2.41	7.41	48%	48%	67%	67%
Clark	2.00		2.00	0.21	2.21	11%	11%	90%	90%
Columbia	4.75		4.75	3.77	8.52	79%	79%	56%	56%
Crawford	1.00		1.00	0.02	1.02	2%	2%	98%	98%
Dane	26.85	2.00	28.85	4.93	33.78	18%	17%	79%	85%
Dodge	4.00		4.00	2.16	6.16	54%	54%	65%	65%
Door	2.00		2.00	0.16	2.16	8%	8%	93%	93%
Douglas	3.50		3.50	3.73	7.23	107%	107%	48%	48%
Dunn	3.00		3.00	3.14	6.14	105%	105%	49%	49%
Eau Claire	8.00	1.00	9.00	7.18	16.18	90%	80%	49%	56%
Florence	0.50		0.50	-0.11	0.39	-22%	-22%	128%	128%
Fond du Lac	5.00	2.00	7.00	4.56	11.56	91%	65%	43%	61%
Forest	1.00		1.00	1.07	2.07	107%	107%	48%	48%
Grant	2.00		2.00	1.29	3.29	65%	65%	61%	61%
Green	2.00		2.00	0.83	2.83	42%	42%	71%	71%
Green Lake	1.50		1.50	1.08	2.58	72%	72%	58%	58%
Iowa	1.75		1.75	1.59	3.34	91%	91%	52%	52%
Iron	1.00		1.00	-0.26	0.74	-26%	-26%	135%	135%
Jackson	2.00		2.00	1.58	3.58	79%	79%	56%	56%
Jefferson	5.30		5.30	2.41	7.71	45%	45%	69%	69%
Juneau	2.50		2.50	0.82	3.32	33%	33%	75%	75%
Kenosha	15.00	1.00	16.00	6.75	22.75	45%	42%	66%	70%
Kewaunee	1.50		1.50	-0.25	1.25	-17%	-17%	120%	120%
La Crosse	8.00		8.00	5.78	13.78	72%	72%	58%	58%
Lafayette	1.00		1.00	0.37	1.37	37%	37%	73%	73%
Langlade	1.50		1.50	2.16	3.66	144%	144%	41%	41%
Lincoln	2.00		2.00	1.61	3.61	81%	81%	55%	55%
Manitowoc	5.00		5.00	4.71	9.71	94%	94%	51%	51%
Marathon	8.50	2.50	11.00	6.73	17.73	79%	61%	48%	62%
Marinette	3.00		3.00	0.00	3.00	0%	0%	100%	100%
Marquette	1.00		1.00	0.46	1.46	46%	46%	68%	68%
Milwaukee	87.00	27.50	114.50	-15.24	99.26	-18%	-13%	88%	115%
Monroe	3.00		3.00	4.25	7.25	142%	142%	41%	41%
Oconto	2.00		2.00	0.59	2.59	30%	30%	77%	77%
Oneida	2.50		2.50	1.93	4.43	77%	77%	56%	56%
Outagamie	9.00		9.00	8.10	17.10	90%	90%	53%	53%

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Ozaukee	3.00		3.00	2.90	5.90	97%	97%	51%	51%
Pepin	0.80		0.80	-0.17	0.63	-21%	-21%	127%	127%
Pierce	2.50		2.50	1.80	4.30	72%	72%	58%	58%
Polk	3.00		3.00	2.07	5.07	69%	69%	59%	59%
Portage	4.00		4.00	2.80	6.80	70%	70%	59%	59%
Price	1.00		1.00	0.13	1.13	13%	13%	88%	88%
Racine	18.00		18.00	13.49	31.49	75%	75%	57%	57%
Richland	1.80		1.80	0.05	1.85	3%	3%	97%	97%
Rock	14.00		14.00	2.30	16.30	16%	16%	86%	86%
Rusk	1.50		1.50	0.82	2.32	55%	55%	65%	65%
Saint Croix	6.00		6.00	2.59	8.59	43%	43%	70%	70%
Sauk	5.00	1.00	6.00	0.96	6.96	19%	16%	72%	86%
Sawyer	2.00		2.00	2.34	4.34	117%	117%	46%	46%
Shaw/Men	3.00		3.00	1.83	4.83	61%	61%	62%	62%
Sheboygan	7.50		7.50	4.51	12.01	60%	60%	62%	62%
Taylor	1.00		1.00	0.55	1.55	55%	55%	65%	65%
Trempealeau	2.00		2.00	0.31	2.31	16%	16%	87%	87%
Vernon	2.00		2.00	0.09	2.09	5%	5%	96%	96%
Vilas	2.00		2.00	0.85	2.85	43%	43%	70%	70%
Walworth	5.00		5.00	2.84	7.84	57%	57%	64%	64%
Washburn	1.25		1.25	1.07	2.32	86%	86%	54%	54%
Washington	5.00		5.00	3.81	8.81	76%	76%	57%	57%
Waukesha	14.50	2.00	16.50	8.76	25.26	60%	53%	57%	65%
Waupaca	3.50		3.50	1.98	5.48	57%	57%	64%	64%
Waushara	2.00		2.00	1.28	3.28	64%	64%	61%	61%
Winnebago	10.00		10.00	5.71	15.71	57%	57%	64%	64%
Wood	4.00		4.00	5.41	9.41	135%	135%	43%	43%
TOTALS	383.45	40.00	423.45	166.03	589.48				

*Modifications:

- 1) The 0.5 GPR FTE in Washburn (0.25 FTE) that also serves Burnett (0.25 FTE) is divided by the FTE shown in parentheses.
- 2) In Milwaukee, the total FTE used is 114.5 rather than higher due to the following factors:
 - a) the 1.0 FTE DNA position serves the entire state; so, showing it as a Milwaukee position distorts the data.
 - b) Various PR Positions have no federal funding and are vacant, thus not included in the analysis
- 3) In Brown the total FTE used is 13.00 rather than 14.00 due to the following factor:
 - a) the 1.0 ADA FTE sex predator position in Brown is excluded because it also serves approximately 20 other DA offices.
- 6) The weighted time estimate for CHIPS cases was changed from 2.61 hours to 6.0 hours effective in the 2004-06 study, based on a 7/04 WDAA Executive Board recommendation.
- 7) CHIPS extensions include permanency plan review petitions filed under s. 48.365 beginning with data for 2006.
- 8) Immunization cases filed by DA Offices under s. 48.13(13) are included with CHIPS cases beginning with data for 2006.
- 9) WDAA Executive Board authorized the following changes to the weighted time estimates beginning with the 2007-09 caseload study:
 - a) Increase the "reviewing case referrals that are not prosecuted" from 35 to 100 hours per year, thereby reducing hours available per prosecutor to handle individual cases to 1162 per year.
 - b) Weighted time estimate for Class A and First Degree Reckless homicides changed from 100 hours each to 160 hours each.
 - c) Weighted time estimate for "All other Homicides" changed from 50 to 80 hours each.
 - d) The weighted time estimate for misdemeanors changed from 2.17 hours each to 2.91 hours each.
 - e) The weighted time estimate for criminal traffic changed from 1.68 hours each to 2.91 hours each.
 - f) Weighted time estimate for juvenile delinquency changed from 3.32 hours each to 3.44 hours each.



STATE OF WISCONSIN
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September 11, 2019

Mr. Kasey Deiss, Director
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Dear Mr. Deiss:

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) receives the STOP VAWA federal formula grant every year from the US Department of Justice. STOP VAWA is a reliable funding stream awarded annually to every state.

The Wisconsin Regional Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutors Program is a permanent program funded through this grant. Brown, Dane, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and Waukesha counties receive STOP VAWA funding for a Regional Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor in each county. OCVS anticipates this program will be funded long-term, with non-competitive renewals every year.

Please contact Shira Phelps, VAWA Grants Administrator, at phelpssr@doj.state.wi.us with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle L. Viste
Executive Director

MLV:srp

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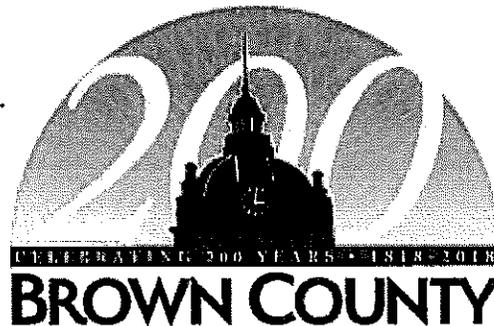
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September 3, 2019

Kasey Deiss, Director
State Prosecutor's Office
Wisconsin Department of Administration

RE: Position Authority for Brown County VAWA Resource Prosecutor

Dear Kasey:

I am writing to request that you seek legislative approval to add a 1.0 FTE prosecutor to the staff of the Brown County District Attorney's Office for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. This position will be filled by the Regional Violence Against Women Act Resource Prosecutor, a position that has been assigned to the Brown County District Attorney's Office since October of 2015.

On October 5, 2015, the Wisconsin Department of Justice awarded Brown County \$91,290 of federal grant money for the purpose of funding a 1.0 FTE prosecutor who would serve in the role of the Regional Violence Against Women Act Resource Prosecutor (RVAWARP). The grant was intended to be competitive for the initial award, but non-competitive for the following two years. Brown County was awarded \$95,800 on October 25, 2016 for the second year of the RVAWARP grant, and on November 6, 2017, Brown County was awarded \$117,181 for the third year of the grant. Most recently, Brown County was awarded \$107,408.00 on October 9, 2018 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Wisconsin Department of Justice has indicated that for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, the grant application will once again be non-competitive. Brown County has once again applied for federal funding for the RVAWARP position for the fifth year of the program.

Brown County has requested \$110,000 of federal funds to support the requested 1.0 FTE prosecutor position as part of the RVAWARP program. Because the grant is non-competitive for this year, Brown County strongly anticipates receiving the funds for which it has applied. The application

anticipates that \$110,000 for employee payroll and employee benefits are sufficient to cover the cost of a 1.0 FTE prosecutor from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Therefore, we are requesting that the legislature grant position approval for the 1.0 FTE prosecutor position necessary to fill the RVAWARP position. The deadline for submitting the grant is September 20, 2019, and therefore Brown County is still finalizing specific details in the application. A copy of the grant application and other supporting documents will be provided to the State Prosecutor's Office via email as soon as it is completed; and our office is willing to provide whatever documentation is needed to support this request.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Lasee", written in a cursive style.

David L. Lasee
District Attorney

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