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# Joint Victim Services

Study Session Meeting-October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Safe, Active, and Engaged Community



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Strong Regional Relationships and Partnerships

**Purpose:**  
To provide council with information regarding request from the police departments of Fort Lupton and Lochbuie to contract with Brighton Police Department to provide victim services.

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**Background:**

- All law enforcement agencies in Colorado are statutorily mandated to provide services to victims of crimes as outlined in the Victim Rights Act.
- 2014 – Brighton and Commerce City merged victim services through an IGA – this has proven to be highly successful, increasing services to crime victims while also increasing the available resources for each agency.
- Brighton and Commerce City Victim Services has established a reputation for excellence and is known as a model agency, recognized locally, statewide and nationally.
- Weld County Sheriff's Office Victim Services currently is providing Fort Lupton and Lochbuie Police Department services to crime victims and personal tragedy. (End December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022)
- The city of Fort Lupton and Town of Lochbuie have requested to join this existing partnership.

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**How it will work:**

- Workload assessment indicated need for one additional FTE Victim Advocate Specialist to meet the needs of adding these municipalities. Costs assessed for these services will fully fund this position.
- Each department will have allocated office space for Victim Services personnel and a quiet location to meet with crime victims
- All Victim Advocate Specialist staff will serve each city as dictated by need.
- All Victim Advocate Specialist staff will share on-call requirements
- All Victim Advocate Specialist staff will be cross trained in each police department policies and practices.
- Victim Services Manager will spend time in all police departments to ensure equitable services and communications.
- The Victim Services Manager will liaison directly with the Police Department Chief of Administration or equivalent.

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**Advantages**

- Increased personell resources in times of critical incidents.
- Expands the population pool for qualified volunteers.
- Seamless services to victims of crime and peronsal tragedy.
- Cost effective for all participating agencies.
- Enhanced regional relationships and partnerships.

**Challenges:**

- Adapting VSU services to meet the expectations of each department.
- Address department wide culture and increase awareness of the importance of the VRA requirements.
- Become accustomed to greater interaction between VSU and line personnel within Fort Lupton and Lochbuie Police Departments

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**Budget and Funding Formula:**

Sub Total - 4240 : VICTIM SERVICES	905,595.03					
VALE GRANT	59,342.30					
VOCA GRANT	191,760.00					
Grand Total :	654,492.73					
	Population*	VRA CASES, 2021	Unattended Deaths	Share %		
Commerce City*	64,287	53%	1215	59%	94	50%
Brighton Population*	40,893	34%	681	33%	58	31%
Fort Lupton*	8,260	7%	91	4%	24	13%
Lochbuie*	8,135	7%	85	4%	11	6%
	121,375	100%	2072	100%	187	100%
*US Census, 2020, latest available						
Commerce City Share	\$ 353,146.78					
Brighton Share	\$ 212,512.72					
Fort Lupton Share	\$ 52,428.08					
Lochbuie Share	\$ 36,405.15					

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Questions?

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