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Agreement Between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County for a Victim Advocate from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Grant (B)

The City of Gainesville was designated to receive funding through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, FY 2003 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. The project period for the victim advocate position allocated in the FY 2003 grant has been extended for an additional twelve months. The grant provides funding personnel to dedicate to domestic violence crimes, increase public awareness, information sharing and improve training of criminal justice personnel through partnerships with several agencies, including the State Attorney's Office, Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center, and Peaceful Paths.

Due to the City's current policy regarding non benefits for grant funded employees, the Police Department is requesting approval to contract with the Alachua County Office of Victim Services for this position. The contract provides that the Victim Advocate will be an employee of the County, housed at the Gainesville Police Department. The Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center has a long history of service to the community in the field of victim services and in working with law enforcement; and can offer a dedicated victim advocate to ensure support and assistance to victims of domestic violence in the community.

This contract is for the grant funded amount of \$43,200 for the extended contract period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. There are no match requirements.

The City Commission 1) authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for services agreement with Alachua County and any other necessary documents, pending review by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Alachua County in the amount of \$43,200.