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I am requesting an additional Victim/Witness Coordinator. We have three that are currently funded by the federal grant, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and it has been cut repeatedly over the last few years. We lost a position in 2021 and in 2024, we were just informed that we are getting zero funding for the remaining positions we have funded by the grant. These positions are critical to the functionality of my office. Ark. Code Ann. §16-21-106 mandates victim notification on criminal cases and the Arkansas legislature recently extended this requirement to certain misdemeanor cases. I am requesting a new position from the County to fill this critical position.

Last year, the Quorum Court graciously created a new Victim Witness position for us last year when we had grant budget cut. The Governor's office later released ARPA money to cover the VOCA grant cuts and so we did not use any of that funding in 2025. There is enough in that position to cover that position and a new position for the remainder of 2025. No new money is requested at this time, we will request funding for the new position if granted, in our 2026 budget request.

I am requesting a new position in victim witness and will use existing funding. If my request is granted, I will address next year's funding in my 2027 budget request.