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Cumberland **County**  
POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

<b>TO:</b>	Cumberland County Commissioners
<b>FROM:</b>	Jen Annis
<b>DATE:</b>	9/26/24
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	VIP Improving Criminal Justice Response from OVW Grant Acceptance

**Requested Action:**

Accept the 2024 Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant Award from the Office on Violence Against Women.

**Background & Purpose of Request:**

With the approval of the County Commissioners, the Public Health Department’s Violence Intervention Partnership applied for the 2024 Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant Award from the Office on Violence Against Women. The funding for this program assists state, local, and tribal governments, and courts to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violation of criminal law, and seek safety and autonomy for victims. The Cumberland County Violence Intervention Partnership has been awarded the requested \$700,000 over 36 months to implement the continuation project as proposed.

Attached is the original request the County Commissioners approved to apply for \$500,000. On 4/8/24, the Commissioners approved the revised request to apply for additional funding to increase the project total to \$700,000. Based on the additional project goals, VIP may be eligible for noncompetitive supplemental funding at the end of the project period.

**No matching funds are required and no additional county funding will be needed to complete the requirements of the grant.**

**Funding Amount and Source:** none

**Effective Date:** 10/15/24

**Attachments:**

- Staff Memo on proposal for funding