

Request for Legislative Action

Res. #21503
Sponsor: Legislature as a Whole
Date: December 11, 2023

Completed by County Counselor's Office			
Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	21503
Sponsor(s):	DaRon McGee	Legislature Meeting Date:	12/11/2023

Introduction
Action Items: ['Transfer']
Project/Title:
A Resolution transferring \$5,000.00 from the Legislature as a Whole Budget, Other Contractual Services Account, as a match to the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office \$5,000.00 contribution to the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA-US) efforts to aid Afghan Prosecutors and their families relocating to the Kansas City area.

Request Summary
The Jackson County Legislature wishes to support the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorneys Office support of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA-US) effort to aid an Afghan family relocating to the Kansas City area by matching the Prosecutor's Office \$5,000.00 contribution. More information regarding the Association is available on their website at www.apa-pfp.org

Contact Information			
Department:	County Legislature	Submitted Date:	12/5/2023
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Budget Information			
Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$5,000
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$5,000
Is it transferring fund?			Yes
Transferring Fund From:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
001 (General Fund)	0112 (Legislature as a Whole)	56790 (Other Contractual Services)	\$5,000
Transferring Fund To:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
001 (General Fund)	0112 (Legislature as a Whole)	56789 (Outside Agency Funding)	\$5,000

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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5820	December 4, 2023
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Less than \$50000	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds sufficient for this appropriation and/or transfer are available from the source indicated on the budget information tab. 	

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Submitted by County Legislature requestor: Cindy L. Wallace on 12/5/2023. Comments:

Returned for more information by Department Approver Troy Thomas on 12/5/2023 2:28:13 PM.
Comments: update

Submitted by Requestor Cindy L. Wallace on 12/5/2023 2:40:51 PM. Comments:

Approved by Department Approver Troy Thomas on 12/5/2023 2:49:36 PM. Comments:

Approved by Purchasing Office Approver Lisa Honn on 12/6/2023 10:40:32 AM. Comments: Approving for B. Casamento due to technical issues. LH

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 12/6/2023 10:45:22 AM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver David B. Moyer on 12/6/2023 2:49:30 PM. Comments:

Returned for more information by Executive Office Approver Sylvia Stevenson on 12/7/2023 1:37:50 PM. Comments: There is no outside agency documentation attached. Please update fiscal note and pay \$5,000 contribution or donation out of either contractual services line item or sponsorships.

Submitted by Requestor Lisa Honn on 12/8/2023 10:45:06 AM. Comments: Resubmitting for C Wallace due to technical issue. Added website to summary and additional backup documentation. lh

Approved by Department Approver Troy Thomas on 12/8/2023 11:10:12 AM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Lisa Honn on 12/8/2023 11:33:57 AM. Comments: Approving for B Casamento due to technical issue. LH

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 12/8/2023 11:53:32 AM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver David B. Moyer on 12/8/2023 12:47:43 PM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvia Stevenson on 12/8/2023 2:33:04 PM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Jamesia Manning on 12/11/2023 11:16:27 AM. Comments:
December 11, 2023



JEAN PETERS BAKER
Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney

December 7, 2023

Jackson County Legislature
415 East 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

RE: Prosecutors for Prosecutor's Afghan Campaign

Dear Legislatures,

On behalf of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, please accept this letter as a request for the Jackson County Legislature's to match the monetary donation for our Prosecutors for Prosecutor's Afghan Campaign effort.

This effort is vital for the protection of those individuals who served as prosecutors over the past twenty years in Afghanistan. These brave individuals were trained by our U.S. military personnel, along with our Western Allies, to hold the Taliban to account for their crimes. Because these individuals are deemed contract employees, they were not given the status needed for other relocation efforts. Whatever their classification may be, they remain in grave danger for the work they performed as prosecutors. Some have been killed, others tortured and others remain in hiding. These funds will help provide safe passage to host countries, including the United States and all funds will go toward this effort without any administrative fees.

I appreciate any consideration you may provide for this important cause to save the lives of individuals who put everything on the line to aid our mission.

Sincerely,

Jean Peters Baker
Prosecutor for Jackson County, Missouri

About APA's Prosecutors for Prosecutors (PFP) Campaign

Prosecutors For Prosecutors exists to save the lives of Afghan prosecutors currently in hiding and being targeted for murder by the people they incarcerated. 41 have been murdered or injured since the Taliban took power. Your donation will be used to relocate at-risk prosecutors and family members to safe host countries.

The US Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA-US) launched the Prosecutors for Prosecutors (PFP) campaign in response to a dire request from the Afghanistan Prosecutors Association (APA-AF) to help save the lives of prosecutors who remain in Afghanistan.

PFP is a 501c3 nonprofit and nongovernmental organization. Our goal is to raise \$15 million dollars to get 1,500 Afghan prosecutors and their families relocated to a safe country. We will be doing this in steps, first, raise \$180,000 to get out the 18 Prosecutors we have ready to go right now.

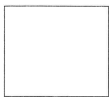
Every dollar donated to PFP will go to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to fund the safe relocation of Afghan prosecutors.

Background

Prior to the fall of Kabul in August of 2021, there were approximately 6,000 Afghan staff members of the **Afghanistan Attorney General Office supporting rule of law programs**. Many were the prosecutors responsible for criminal cases against members of the Taliban for murder, terrorism, assaults, kidnapping, abductions, violence against women, and drug crimes. Most were members of the Afghanistan Prosecutors Association (APA-AF) and trained by the US and allied nations.

APA-AF, now in exile, has identified over 3,800 prosecutors and key staff members that remain in Afghanistan. They are hiding – unemployed and facing famine and starvation. APA-US and APA-AF have watched in horror as more than 31 Afghan prosecutors have been murdered since the Taliban forced their way to power in August, 2021. The Taliban have disbanded the Attorney General’s office, fired all prosecutors, and ordered their forces to find all of them for “processing.”

They are in need of assistance and relocation out of Afghanistan to safety for themselves and their families. The fastest way to get these prosecutors and their families to safety is by funding NGOs that are able to relocate them, such as [Jewish Humanitarian Response](#).



Our Mission

As prosecutors we join other like-minded organizations seeking safety for at-risk former justice sector employees (including prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, and investigators) left behind in Afghanistan. The mission of this campaign is to raise \$15 million to save the lives of 1,500 Afghan prosecutors and their families by evacuating and relocating them to a safe country.

In addition, we are seeking experienced and passionate partners to help relocate prosecutors to places of safety and provide them with employment opportunities.

PPF invites organizations from the international, legal, immigration, refugee, and human rights communities and individual prosecutors upholding the rule of law around the world to join this mission.

A note of caution: Every disaster brings fraudsters and scammers out of the woodwork. Please do not fall prey to false appeals. Choose trusted and credible organizations. PFP will only work with 501c3 nonprofits with a demonstrated track record and who comply with US and international laws, including U.S. Treasury sanctions. Each prosecutor will be vetted with trusted contacts prior to funding.

We are aware of attempts by the Taliban and others to locate prosecutors and seek retribution, using digital surveillance and impersonation, to find them. Methods to avoid digital detection and surveillance can be found at [accessnow.org](https://www.accessnow.org).