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Transmitted via facsimile

Dear Mr. Bartylak:

This is a response to your request for an opinion on whether Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation ("Land of Lincoln") may use Legal Services Corporation ("LSC" or "Corporation") funds as matching funds for a Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA") grant.

You mentioned in your letter that, based on the June 15, 1995 LSC General Counsel opinion letter to West Tennessee Legal Services that you believed it appropriate to use LSC funds to match the funds received from the VOCA grant. After reviewing the description and grant guidelines for the VOCA grant you provided, I find that your interpretation is correct.

There is no material difference between the VOCA grant and other grants for which the Corporation has approved the use of LSC funds as matching funds and there has been no relevant change in law or policy that would require a different outcome. Based on the same legal analysis set out in the June 1995 General Counsel opinion, Land of Lincoln may use its LSC funds as matching funds for the VOCA grant, as long as the work to be performed under the VOCA grant is consistent with LSC regulations and restrictions.

I hope this adequately responds to your inquiry. Please let me know if I can provide any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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