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Macomb County Prosecutor says children helped by County Commission's 2023 budget

Today the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office

"The Commission's budget helps children and their mothers who are owed child support. I commend this bipartisan work. I look forward to working with Commissioners to continue improving our Prosecutor's Office and our county," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

Lucido said the Commission's budget improves the County Prosecutor's ability to collect child support owed to Macomb County children by including matching funding for one investigator and two support staff. A grant would pay two-thirds of the cost while the county would only pay one-third. Lucido said his office would target 6,750 felony non-support cases owing \$5,000 or more in child support, which totals over \$33 million owed to Macomb County children.

"The real winners are Macomb County children who are owed child support, and thanks to the County Commission they will get help," said Lucido.

According to Lucido, the Commission's budget also includes funding for a professional services contract to help the County Prosecutor find and apply for grants. Lucido said he expects the grant revenue generated will exceed the \$35,000 cost, and if it does not then he will not seek renewal.

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