



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 30, 2024

DATE: January 30, 2024
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**Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division
for funding available under the Victims of Crime Act Fund**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$318,816.56 to the State of Texas under the Victims of Crime Act for salaries and benefits for five civilian positions for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program, with cash match of \$61,624.14 and in-kind services of \$18,080.00.

UMMARY:

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Victims of Crime (VOCA) Act, for projects with the primary mission of providing direct services to victims of crime. The Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program qualifies for this grant funding.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant continues support for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program, which provides assistance to victims and family members with the goal of lessening the short and long-term trauma experienced as a direct result of victimization. As part of this program, victims and their family members are provided with information, reassurance, and guidance for resolving problems and referrals to other social service agencies.

The victim case managers provide services to victims, including information and referral, criminal justice support and case information, assistance with filing forms for benefits available through the Crime Victims' Compensation under the Texas Crime Victims Compensation Act, informing victims of their rights as victims, advocating on victims' behalf with other agencies and within the criminal justice system, and transportation to shelter or to court. Primary and secondary victims of crime are assisted with stabilizing their lives after victimization. The case managers also help victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system and provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. The case managers work closely through coalitions and other agencies in the ongoing effort to identify needs and to improve the quality and continuity of services to victims in the community.

The grant covers salaries and benefits for four Victim Case Managers, one receptionist, as well

as equipment, supplies, training, and mileage. The City provides in-kind contribution in volunteer hours. Interns from Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi as well as volunteers requesting to work with the CCPD contribute the in-kind contribution of \$18,080.00. The funding is not on a declining percentage or ending funding cycle.

The grant period will be from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

The City has received the grant for 24 years. Last year, the City received \$367,441.52 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant application; however, the program will be discontinued without the grant funding. The FY 2024 Budget does not include funding for this program outside of this grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Victims of Crime Act Grant in the amount of \$318,816.56 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Victims of Crime Program.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Mission Element:	29
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	510100 Salaries and Wages
	511000 Retirement
	513000 Group insurance benefits
	513001 Other employee benefits
	520090 Minor Tools
	547010 Travel
	548120 Self Insurance Allocation
Amount:	\$318,816.56

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution