



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of September 25 , 2012
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 9, 2012

DATE: September 18, 2012
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Accepting and appropriating the Violence Against Women Formula Grant (VAWA) within the Police Department for Year 13

CAPTION:

Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$94,705.39 to continue the Violence Against Women Formula Grant (VAWA) grant within the Police Department for Year 13, with a City match of \$47,165.68, in-kind match of \$7,200 in the No. 1020 Police General Fund; and appropriating the \$94,705.39 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund to continue the VAWA grant in the Police Department and authorizing the transfer of \$47,165.68 from the No. 1020 Cash Contribution to and appropriating in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund as grant matching funds for a total project cost of \$149,071.07

PURPOSE:

Accept the grant and appropriate the funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant continues support for the Family Violence Unit that utilizes officers and volunteers to contact family violence victims when a written report is made by a field officer or from a walk-in to the unit at the Police Department. The grant provides funds for two victim case managers to contact victims who often fear retaliation and violence when the offender is released following arrest; contact with an advocate (case manager) can provide information concerning alternatives, available services, and protective orders to avoid continued violence. The case manager serves to establish and encourage a working relationship between social agencies and the Police Department and provides educational opportunities to the community through speaking engagements, distribution of literature, etc. A Staff Assistant handles the processing of Emergency Protective Orders, walk in traffic, and record keeping.

The long term goal of the grant is to provide victims of domestic violence and other serious crimes with crisis intervention, follow up assistance, encourage cooperation with

law enforcement, facilitate utilization of available resources, and assist with immediate and long-term safety needs.

The State provides \$94,705.39 for the salary/benefits of two Victim Case Managers, a Staff Assistant, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute in-kind contribution, and the City contributes \$47,165.68 partial salary match, training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. The funding is not on a declining percentage or ending funding cycle. This grant period will be 9/1/2013 – 8/31/2014.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$54,365.68		\$54,365.68
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$94,705.39		\$94,705.39
BALANCE		\$149,071.07		\$149,071.07

Fund(s): Police General Fund, Police Grants Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award document