



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021

DATE: January 26, 2021

TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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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 (VOCA) Fund to continue the Victim Outreach Program

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$98,964.86 to the State of Texas under the Victims of Crime Act with a City cash match of \$3,300.00 and \$21,500.00 in-kind services to support two full time employees.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, for projects with the primary mission of providing direct services to victims of crime.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant provides funding for a victim case manager for community outreach to identify resistant or reluctant victims of crime and to assist victims in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system. Through public presentations, multi-disciplinary meetings, and legal advocacy, the case manager will provide crisis intervention and follow-up services in order to establish rapport and build resiliency of victims in districts at high-risk for violence. A Staff Assistant maintains accurate and timely records, including information properly entered into database systems.

The State provides for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, one Staff Assistant, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute in-kind contribution; and the City contributes for travel as the required 20% match. The grant period is 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2022 and is not on a declining percentage or ending funding cycle. This is the ninth year of the program. The previous grant amount was \$104,013. The reduced amount is due to lesser paid employee.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not apply for the grant and discontinue the victim assistance program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Victims of Crime Act Grant in the amount of \$98,964.86 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Victims of Crime Program with a cash transfer from the FY 2022 General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

Funding Detail

Fund	1020 & 1061
Organization/Activity:	1020 – 60035 / 1061 – 822220F
Mission Element:	156
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	548950 Cash contribution – grant match
	510100 Salaries and Wages
	511000 Retirement
	513000 Group insurance benefits
	513001 Other employee benefits
	530160 Rentals
	530200 Telephone/telegraph
	547010 Travel
	548120 Self Insurance Allocation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Statement of Grant Award – Preview
Resolution