



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 29, 2015
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 13, 2015

DATE: September 16, 2015
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Accepting and appropriating the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) within the Police Department for the 16th and 17th project years

CAPTION:

Ordinance 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 \$188,264.42 to continue the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant within the Police Department for the 16th and 17th project years with a City match of \$43,067.05 and an in-kind match of \$4,000 from the No. 1020 Police General Fund; appropriating the \$188,264.42 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund to continue the VOCA grant in the Police Department; and authorizing the transfer of \$43,067.05 from the No. 1020 General Fund to the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund and appropriating the same for a total project cost of \$235,331.47.

PURPOSE:

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

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 one victim case manager 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.

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 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute in-kind contribution, and the City contributes for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. This grant period is 9/1/2015 – 9/30/2017 a two year and one month award period. The State is converting grants to a 2 year cycle as well as aligning grants with the State fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$20,672.18	\$22,394.87	\$43,067.05
BALANCE		\$20,672.18	\$22,394.87	\$43,067.05

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant application and appropriation of funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter