



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 11, 2025

DATE: February 11, 2025
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Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the Violence Against Women Act Fund

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$69,606.43 to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division under the Violence Against Women Act Fund for the salary and benefits of one civilian position in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Family Violence Unit, with a City cash match of \$21,752.84 and \$9,910.00 for in-kind services.

SUMMARY:

This Resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application for \$69,606.43 to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division under the Violence Against Women Act Fund. Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for projects with the primary mission of reducing and preventing violence against women.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant continues support for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) Family Violence Unit. The Unit utilizes both police officers and volunteers to contact family violence victims when a written report is made by a field officer or from a walk-in to CCPD offices. The 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.

This grant provides funds for one victim case manager to contact victims who often fear retaliation and violence when the offender is released following arrest as well as for contact with an advocate (case manager) that 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 CCPD. The case manager also provides educational opportunities to the community through speaking engagements, distribution of literature, and other methods.

As part of this grant, the State provides \$69,606.43 for the salary and benefits of one Victim Case Manager. Interns from Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi as well as volunteers requesting to

work with the CCPD contribute the in-kind contribution of \$9,910.00, and the City contributes \$21,752.84 for training, travel, supplies (office, paper, and cell phone), and miscellaneous equipment as the required 30% match.

The grant period for this grant will be from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. CCPD has received this grant for the past 27 years. Last year, the City received \$59,609.00 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact from applying for The Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$69,606.43. If awarded there will be a cash transfer from the FY 2025 General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match, of \$21,752.84 and in-kind services of \$9,910.00

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund	1020 – Cash Match
Organization/Activity:	60035
Mission Element:	29
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	548950 Cash contribution
Amount:	(\$21,752.84)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application for \$69,606.43 to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division under the Violence Against Women Act Fund for the salary and benefits of one civilian position in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Family Violence Unit, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution