



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 19, 2017
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting September 26, 2017

DATE: September 5, 2017
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Accepting and appropriating the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant within the Police Department

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 \$51,920.42 for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Program within the Police Department with a cash match of \$12,926.93 and an in-kind match of \$8,280.00 for a total project cost of \$73,127.34; appropriating the \$51,920.42 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund for the VAWA grant in the Police Department; and authorizing the transfer of \$12,926.93 from the No. 1020 General Fund to the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund and appropriating the same for a total project cost of \$73,127.34.

PURPOSE:

Year 18 funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that provides funds to projects with the primary mission of reducing and preventing violence against women

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 \$51,920.42 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute \$8,280 in-kind contribution, and the City contributes \$12,926.93 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. This grant period will be 9/1/2017 – 8/31/2018.

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: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$12,926.93		\$12,926.93
BALANCE				

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the award and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance