



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 25, 2022

DATE: January 25, 2022
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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 \$47,393.76 to the State of Texas for the salary and benefits of one full-time employee under the Violence Against Women Act with City cash match of \$13,351.61 and \$6,960.00 for in-kind services.

SUMMARY:

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 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 Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD). 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. The case manager serves to establish and encourage a working relationship between social agencies and the CCPD, 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. Contact with an advocate (case manager) can provide information concerning alternatives, available services, and protective orders to avoid continued violence

The State provides \$45,220.93 for the salary and benefits of one Victim Case Manager, volunteer hours contribute toward the in-kind contribution of \$6,960.00, and the City contributes \$13,351.61 for training, travel, supplies, and miscellaneous equipment as the required 30% match. This grant period will be from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The City has received this grant for 24 years. Last year the City received \$48,724.61.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the application, but the program will be discontinued without funding. This will result in victims of domestic violence receiving less services and will decrease cooperation with law enforcement agencies, to include CCPD.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$47,393.76 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Violence Against Women Program with a cash transfer from the FY 2023 General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

Funding Detail

Fund 1020 & 1061
Organization/Activity: 1020 – 60035 / 1061
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
548120 Self Insurance Allocation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution