



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

1st Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 18, 2024
2nd Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 30, 2024

DATE: January 23, 2024
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Accepting and appropriating the Victims of Crime Act Grant within the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$367,441.52 from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the Victims of Crime Act with an in-kind match of \$18,080.00 for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program; and appropriating \$367,441.52 in the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing five full-time civilian employees.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, to continue the Victims Assistance Program within the Corpus Christi Police Department. The Victim Assistance Program provides funds to projects with the primary mission of providing direct services to victims of crime.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant provides support for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) Victim Assistance Program. The Program provides assistance to victims and family members who have experienced direct victimization. The goal of the Program is to lessen the short- and long-term trauma experienced as a direct result of victimization. Victims and their family members are provided with information, reassurance, and guidance for resolving problems and referrals to other social service agencies.

The grant covers the salaries and benefits for four Victim Case Managers, one receptionist, equipment, supplies, and training travel. The four case managers provide services to victims including information and referral, criminal justice support and case information, and assistance with filing for benefits available through the Crime Victims' Compensation which is under the Texas Crime Victims Compensation Act.

Overall, the work of the case manager work includes informing victims of their rights as victims, advocating on victims' behalf with other agencies and within the criminal justice system, and providing program participants transportation to shelter or to court.

Primary and secondary victims of crime are assisted to stabilize their lives after victimization and to help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system. The Program also works

to provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. The case managers work closely through coalitions and with other agencies in an ongoing effort to identify needs and to improve the quality and continuity of services to victims in the community.

The State of Texas provides \$308,293.76 for the salaries and benefits of four Victim Case Managers and one receptionist, and \$59,147.76 in office supplies, postage, cellular phones, and training travel. Volunteer hours contribute \$18,080.00 as the in-kind contribution. Texas A&M – Corpus Christi students provide internship (volunteer) hours. The grant period will be October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The City has received the grant for 24 years. Last year, the City received \$281,193.79 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and discontinue the Victim Assistance Program, which will result in less services being provided to persons who have experienced direct victimization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY2024 is accepting and appropriating an amount of \$367,441.52 to the Police Grants Fund.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	842024F
Mission Element:	29
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	510100 Salaries and Wages
	511000 Retirement
	513000 Group insurance benefits
	513001 Other employee benefits
	520090 Minor Tools
	547010 Travel
	548120 Self Insurance Allocation
Amount:	\$367,441.52

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the award and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Statement of Grant Award