



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of February 12, 2013
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 26, 2013

DATE: January 28, 2013
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
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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 (VAWA) Fund.

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$47,351.74 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division. For funding available under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) fund for the Police Department's Family Violence Unit with a city match of \$16,573.28 and \$5,400 in-kind services, for a total project cost of \$69,325.02; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant.

PURPOSE:

Year 14 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 \$47,351.74 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute in-kind contribution, and the City

contributes \$16,573.28 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. This grant period will be 9/1/2013 – 8/31/2014.

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: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		0	\$16,573.28	\$16,573.28
BALANCE		0	\$16,573.28	\$16,573.28

Fund(s): General

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Budget