



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of November 28, 2023
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 5, 2023

DATE: November 28, 2023
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**Acceptance and appropriation of the Violence Against Women Act Grant for the
Corpus Christi Police Department**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$59,609.00 from the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Program with a cash match of \$20,810.80 and in-kind match of \$6,960.00 for salary and benefits for one civilian position and equipment, supplies, training, and travel; appropriating \$80,419.80 into the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing one full-time civilian employee as a Victim Case Manager.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The grant provides funds for projects with the primary mission of reducing and preventing violence against women.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The VAWA grant continues to support the Family Violence Unit by utilizing civilians and volunteers to contact family violence victims when a written report is made by an officer. The grant provides funds for one civilian victim case manager to contact female victims who often fear retaliation and violence when the offender is released following arrest. The victim case manager provides information concerning alternatives, available services, and protective orders to avoid continued violence. The victim case manager also serves to establish a working relationship between social agencies and the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) to provide educational opportunities to the community through speaking engagements and the distribution of literature.

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 of victims.

The State of Texas provides \$59,609.00 for the salary and benefits of one victim case manager, equipment, supplies, training, and travel. The Victim Case Manager also coordinates volunteer hours that contribute \$6,960.00 in-kind contribution. The volunteers for this program are students

from Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi. The City contributes \$20,810.80 for training, travel, supplies, and miscellaneous equipment as the required match.

The grant period is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The City has received this grant for the past 24 years. Last year the City received \$47,393.76 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant; however, the funding for this grant allows case management for female victims of violent crimes. Without the grant funds, CCPD's activities to support violence against women would be limited.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2024 is accepting and appropriating an amount of \$59,609.00 to the Police Grants Fund. This item also will authorize a transfer and appropriation in an amount of \$20,810.80 from the General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match for a total appropriation in the Police Grants Fund of \$80,419.80.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1020 & 1061
Organization/Activity:	1020-60035/1061-832024F
Department:	29
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	1020- 548590 Cash contribution - grant match
	510100 Salaries and Wages
	511000 Retirement
	513000 Group insurance benefits
	513001 Other employee benefits
	548120 Self Insurance Allocation
Amount:	\$80,419.80

RECOMMENDATION:

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

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Statement of Grant Award