



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021

DATE: December 23, 2020
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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 submission of grant application for \$49,846.33 to the State of Texas under the Violence Against Women Act with city cash match of \$14,402.72 and \$6,960.00 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 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 \$49,846.33 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, volunteer hours contribute the in-kind contribution of \$6,960.00, and the City contributes \$14,402.72 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required 30% match. This grant period will be 10/1/2021 to 9/31/2022 and is the 23rd year of grant funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

Decline the grant and lose the funding or request that the City provide the full funding amount in lieu of the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$49,846.33 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Violence Against Women Program with a cash transfer from the FY 2022 General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

Funding Detail

Fund 1020 & 1061
Organization/Activity: 1020 – 60035 / 1061 – 822023F
Mission Element: 156
Project # (CIP Only):
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

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Statement of Grant Award - Preview