



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 10, 2017
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 17, 2017

DATE: September 18, 2017

TO: Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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Accepting and appropriating the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) within the Police Department for Year 18 and 19

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$281,860.18 to continue the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant within the Police Department for Year 18 and 19 with a City match of \$60,865.04 and an in-kind match of \$9,600 from the No. 1020 Police General Fund; appropriating the \$281,860.18 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund to continue the VOCA grant in the Police Department; and authorizing the transfer of \$60,865.04 from the No. 1020 General Fund to the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund and appropriating the same for a total project cost of \$352,325.22.

PURPOSE:

Year 17 and 18 funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, which provides funds to projects with the primary mission of providing direct services to victims of crime.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant continues the Victim Assistance Program that provides assistance to victims and family members with the goal of lessening 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 salary/ benefits for three Victim Case Managers, an increase of one over the previous fiscal year. The case managers provide services to victims including information and referral, criminal justice support and case information, assistance with filing forms for benefits available through the Crime Victims' Compensation under the Texas Crime Victims Compensation Act, informing victims of their rights as victims, advocating on victims behalf with other agencies and within the criminal justice system, and transportation to shelter or to court. Primary and secondary victims of crime are assisted in an effort to stabilize their lives after victimization, help victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and

provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. The case managers also 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 provides \$281,860.18 for the salary/benefits of three Victim Case Managers. Volunteer hours contribute \$9,600 as an in-kind contribution, and the City contributes \$60,865 over the two-year period for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required 20% match. The funding is not on a declining percentage or ending funding cycle. This grant period will be 10/01/2017 – 06/30/2019.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

OMB
Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2017-2018	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$62,000.00		\$62,000.00
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$60,865.04		\$60,865.04
BALANCE		\$1,134.96		\$1,134.96

Fund(s): General

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Award Letter