



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of February 25, 2014
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of March 18, 2014

DATE: February 7, 2014
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Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the Victims of Crime Act Fund

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$77,084.05 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund for the Police Department's Family Violence Unit with a city match of \$20,271.01 and \$4,000 in-kind services, for a total project cost of \$101,355.06; 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, 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 two Victim Case Managers, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage. 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 \$77,084.05 for the salary/benefits of two Victim Case Managers and mileage. Volunteer hours contribute \$4,000 as an in-kind contribution, and the City contributes \$20,271.01 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 9/1/2014 – 8/31/2015.

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: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item			\$20,271.01	\$20,271.01
BALANCE			\$20,271.01	\$20,271.01

Fund(s): General

Comments: (Insert any brief comments that may be necessary to explain chart)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant budget