



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 31, 2023

DATE: January 31, 2023
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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 \$59,609.00 to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division under the Violence Against Women Act Fund for the salary and benefits of one civilian position in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Family Violence Unit, with a City cash match of \$20,810.00 cash and \$6,960.00 for 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 Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) Family Violence Unit. The Unit utilizes both police officers and volunteers to contact family violence victims when a written report is made by a field officer or from a walk-in to CCPD offices. 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.

This grant provides funds for one victim case manager to contact victims who often fear retaliation and violence when the offender is released following arrest as well as for contact with an advocate (case manager) that 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 CCPD. The case manager also provides educational opportunities to the community through speaking engagements, distribution of literature, and other methods.

As part of this grant, the State provides \$59,609.00 for the salary and benefits of one Victim Case Manager. Interns from Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi as well as volunteers requesting to work with the CCPD contribute the in-kind contribution of \$6,960.00, and the City contributes \$20,810.80 for training, travel, supplies (office, paper, cell phone), and miscellaneous equipment

as the required 30% match. The grant period will be from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. CCPD has received this grant for the past 25 years. Last year, the City received \$47,393.76 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant application; however, the program will be discontinued without the grant funding. The FY 2023 Budget does not include funding for this program outside of this grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$59,609.00 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Violence Against Women Program with a cash transfer from the FY 2024 General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund 1020 & 1061
Organization/Activity: 1020 – 60035 / 1061
Mission Element: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 548950 Cash contribution – grant match
510100 Salaries and Wages
511000 Retirement
513000 Group insurance benefits
513001 Other employee benefits
548120 Self Insurance Allocation
Amount: \$59,609.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution