



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting on December 6, 2022  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting on December 20, 2022

**DATE:** November 7, 2022  
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### Acceptance and appropriation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant for the Police Department

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in an amount of \$47,393.76 from State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Program with a cash match of \$13,351.61 and in-kind match of \$6,960.00; transferring \$13,351.61 from the General Fund to the Police Grants Fund; appropriating \$60,745.37 in the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing one full-time civilian position for 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 to projects with the primary mission of reducing and preventing violence against women.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The 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 Case Manager provides information concerning alternatives, available services, and protective orders to avoid continued violence. The case manager serves to establish a working relationship between social agencies and the Corpus Christi Police Department 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 provides \$47,393.76 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage. The Case Manager also coordinates volunteer hours that contribute \$6,960 in-kind contribution. The City contributes \$13,351.61 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. The grant period is October 1,

2022 through September 30, 2023. The City has received this grant for the past 23 years. Last year the City received \$48,724.61.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The funding for this grant allows case management for female victims of violent crimes. Without these funds the activities to support violence against women would be limited.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2022 is the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in an amount of \$47,393.76 to the Police Grants Fund and a City match in an amount of \$13,351 for cash contributions to be funded from the Police General Fund for travel and supplies.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1020 – Police General Fund  
Organization/Activity: 60035 – Cash Contribution to Grants  
Mission Element: 152  
Project # (CIP Only):  
Account: 548590 Cash contribution - grant match  
Amount: \$13,351.61

Fund: 1061  
Organization/Activity: 1061-832023F  
Mission Element: 152  
Project # (CIP Only):  
Account: 510100 Salaries and Wages  
511000 Retirement  
513000 Group insurance benefits  
513001 Other employee benefits  
548120 Self Insurance Allocation  
520120 Office Supplies  
Amount: \$47,393.76

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Statement of Grant Award