



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 25, 2022

**DATE:** January 25, 2022  
**TO:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager  
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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 submission of grant application for \$161,606.73 to the State of Texas for salaries and benefits of three full-time employees and supplies, training, mileage reimbursements under the Victims of Crime Act, with \$4,320.00 for in-kind services.

### **SUMMARY:**

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division under the Victims of Crime (VOCA) Act for projects with the primary mission of providing direct services to victims of crime.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The grant continues support for the Victim Assistance Program which provides assistance to victims and family members who have experienced direct victimization. The goal of the Program is to lessen 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 salaries and benefits for three Victim Case Managers, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage reimbursements. The three 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. This work includes 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 \$141,283.41 for the salary/benefits of three Victim Case Managers, \$5,823.32 for supplies, and \$14,500.00 for travel and training. The City provides a \$4,320.00 in-kind contribution in volunteer hours. This is the twenty-third year of the grant. Last year the City

received \$129,212.45.

The funding is not on a declining percentage or ending funding cycle. The grant period will be October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to apply for the grant and discontinue the victim assistance program, which will result in less services being provide to persons who have experienced direct victimization.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Victims of Crime Act Grant in the amount of \$161,606.73 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Victims of Crime Program.

**Funding Detail**

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	842022F
Mission Element:	156
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	510100 Salaries and Wages
	511000 Retirement
	513000 Group insurance benefits
	513001 Other employee benefits
	520090 Minor Tools
	547010 Travel
	548120 Self Insurance Allocation

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution