



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
TO: Ronald L. Olson, 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 (VOCA) Fund to establish a Victim Outreach Program

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$68,163.15 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 to continue Year 2 of the Victim Outreach Program with a city match of \$13,840.79 and \$3,200 in-kind services, for a total project cost of \$85,203.94; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant.

PURPOSE:

This funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, to provide funds to projects with the primary mission of providing direct services to victims of crime.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant is a new project for the Victim Assistance Program. Community Outreach is designed to assist victims in stabilizing their lives after victimization. In high crime rate districts, many victims are resistant to cooperation with law enforcement and the criminal justice system due to the emotional and physical impact of the crime.

The grant will provide funding for a victim case manager to provide community outreach to identify resistant or reluctant victims of crime and assist victims in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system. Through public presentations, multi-disciplinary meetings and legal advocacy, the case manager will provide crisis intervention and follow up services in order to establish rapport and build resiliency of victims in districts at high risk for violence. A Staff Assistant keep accurate and timely records, including information properly entered into database systems.

The State provides for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, one Staff Assistant, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute in-kind contribution, and the City contributes \$13,840.79 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required 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: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		0	\$13,840.79	\$13,840.79
BALANCE		0	\$13,840.79	\$13,840.79

Fund(s): General

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: