



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 29, 2015
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 13, 2015

DATE: September 16, 2015
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Accepting and appropriating the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Outreach Program grant within the Police Department for the 3rd project year

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$84,795.95 for the 3rd project year of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Outreach Program within the Police Department with a City match of \$14,998.99 and an in-kind match of \$6,200.00 from the No. 1020 Police General Fund; appropriating the \$84,795.95 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund for the VOCA Outreach grant in the Police Department; and authorizing the transfer of \$14,998.99 from the No. 1020 General Fund to the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund and appropriating the same for a total project cost of \$105,994.94.

PURPOSE:

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 Victim Assistance Program Community Outreach is the 3rd year of a grant 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 provides 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 will 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 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 is for 13 months 9/1/2015 – 9/30/2016 as the State is aligning all grants to the State fiscal year.

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: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$14,998.99		\$14,998.99
BALANCE		\$14,998.99		\$14,998.99

Fund(s): General Fund, Cash contribution to grants

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant application and appropriation of funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter