



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of February 16, 2016  
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 23, 2016

**DATE:** January 22, 2016  
**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 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Fund.

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$46,226.82 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, for funding available under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) fund for the Police Department's Family Violence Unit with a city match of \$20,000.52, an in-kind match of \$6,900.00, for a total project cost of \$73,127.34; and authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

### **PURPOSE:**

Year 17 funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that provides funds to projects with the primary mission of reducing and preventing violence against women

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The grant continues support for the Family Violence Unit that utilizes officers and volunteers to contact family violence victims when a written report is made by a field officer or from a walk-in to the unit at the Police Department. The grant provides funds for one victim case manager to contact victims who often fear retaliation and violence when the offender is released following arrest; contact with an advocate (case manager) 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 the Police Department and provides educational opportunities to the community through speaking engagements, distribution of literature, etc.

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.

The State provides \$46,226.82 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute \$6,900 in-kind contribution, and the

City contributes \$20,000.52 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. This grant period will be 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2017.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Finance  
Legal  
OMB

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

X Operating      ☐ Revenue      ☐ Capital      ☐ Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2015-2016</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget		\$62,000.00		\$62,000.00
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$20,000.52		\$20,000.52
BALANCE		\$41,999.48		\$41,999.48

Fund(s): General

**Comments:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends submission of the grant application

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution