



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 9, 2018
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting October 16, 2018

DATE: September 24, 2018
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Accepting and appropriating the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant within the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$54,339.42 grant from State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Program with cash match of \$14,000 and in-kind match of \$8,280; appropriating \$54,339.42 in Police Grants Fund; and authorizing transfer of \$14,000 from General Fund to Police Grants Fund.

PURPOSE:

Year 19 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 \$54,339.42 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage, volunteer hours contribute \$8,280 in-kind contribution, and the City contributes \$14,000 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. This grant period will be 9/1/2018 – 8/31/2019.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☒ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2018-2019	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$14,000		\$14,000
BALANCE				

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments:**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the award and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant Award