



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 12, 2019
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 19, 2019

DATE: January 30, 2019
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Accepting and appropriating the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Outreach Program grant to continue the program in the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing execution of all documents necessary to accept \$216,469.70 grant from State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for Victims of Crime Act Outreach Program with City match of \$13,637.43 and in-kind match of \$40,480 from Police Grant Fund; appropriating the \$216,469.70 in Police Grants Fund for the VOCA Outreach program; and authorizing transfer of \$13,637.43 from the General Fund to the Police Grants Fund and appropriating the same for total project cost of \$270,587.13.

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 grant 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 provides funding for a licensed counselor 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 office supplies, postage, mailouts, and training fees as the required

match. The funding is not on a declining percentage or ending funding cycle. This grant period is for 10/01/2018 to 9/30/2020.

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: 2018-2019	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$13,637.43		\$13,637.43
BALANCE		\$13,637.43		\$13,637.43

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:

Ordinance
Grant award letter