



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 11, 2020

DATE: January 3, 2020
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Authorization of grant application submission to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding to support activities under the Violence Against Women Act

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the State of Texas under the Violence Against Women Act for \$48,211.68 with a City cash match of \$13,702.00 and \$6,960.00 in-kind services.

SUMMARY:

Grant funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Violence Against Women Act for 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 help by providing 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. This program is in its 22nd year of assisting women who are victims of violence.

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 funding will provide for the salary/benefits for one Victim Case Manager, volunteer hours contribute for the in-kind match, and the City will contribute \$13,702.00 for salaries, training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment. This grant award period is from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

There is no alternative.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in FY2020 with the submission of the grant application. However, if awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY2021.

Funding Detail

Fund 1020 & 1061
Organization/Activity: 1020 – 60035 / 1061 – 822022F
Mission Element: 156
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: 548590 Cash contribution – grant match
510100 Salaries and Wages
511000 Retirement
513000 Group insurance benefits
513001 Other employee benefits
548120 Self Insurance Allocation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution