



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of November 10, 2020

Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 17, 2020

DATE: October 19, 2020

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Acceptance and Appropriation of the Violence Against Women Act Grant

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in an amount of \$48,211.68 from State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Program with a cash match of \$13,702.16 and in-kind match of \$6,960.00; appropriating \$48,211.68 in the Police Grants Fund; authorizing one FTE for a Victim Case Manager; and authorizing a transfer of \$13,702.16 from the General Fund to the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) which the City has been awarded for 21 years. The grant provides funds to projects with the primary mission of reducing and preventing violence against women.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The grant continues to support the Family Violence Unit by utilizing civilian officers and volunteers to contact family violence victims when a written report is made. The grant provides funds for one civilian victim case manager to contact victims who often fear retaliation and violence when the offender is released following arrest. The Case Manager provides information concerning alternatives, available services, and protective orders to avoid continued violence. The case manager serves to establish a working relationship between social agencies and the Police Department to provide educational opportunities to the community through speaking engagements and the distribution of literature.

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 of victims.

The State provides \$48,211.68 for the salary/benefits of one Victim Case Manager, equipment, supplies, training, and mileage. The Case Manager also coordinates volunteer hours that contribute to the \$6,690 in-kind contribution. The City contributes \$13,702.16 for training, travel, supplies and miscellaneous equipment as the required match. The grant period is September 1,

2020 through – August 31, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES

The funding for this grant allows case management for female victims of violent crimes. Without these funds the activities to support violence against women would be limited.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY2021 is accepting and appropriating an amount of \$48,211.68 to the Police Grants Fund. This item will also authorize a transfer in an amount of \$13,702.16 from the General Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

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 accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Statement of Grant Award