

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36653	Agenda Number	61.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of \$124,828 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$124,828 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Program for the project period of September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015. A match of 35% (\$67,216) of the total project cost is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing city-funded victim service supervisor.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Troy Gay, Assistant Chief 974-5030
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$124,828 in grant funding. The project period is September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015.

Renewal VAWA funding will allow for the continuation of the salary of an existing full-time grant-funded victim services counselor. The counselor provides mental health and practical intervention as close to the time of the event as possible. This intervention may include crisis counseling and stabilization, justice support, personal advocacy, emergency placement in shelter, safety planning, and information and referrals to other helpful service providers. Annually, the VAWA grant-funded counselor typically provides services for 500 – 700 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence. The counselor also assists for cadet and service provider training upon request. Renewal VAWA funding will also allow for the purchase of equipment and the completion of training for project staff.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that includes items one through four below.

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

