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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	40370	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date:	2/26/2015	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of \$100,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department Incident-Based Reporting Project. Related to Item # 14.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of March 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015. No match is required.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Assistant Director Alice Thomas, APD # 512-974-5069
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This resolution will authorize the City to accept \$100,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program to implement the Austin Police Department (APD) Incident-Based Reporting Project.

Since its inception, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program that APD currently uses has provided a steady, reliable stream of information about crime in this nation. However, because UCR is a summary-based reporting system, data about individual crime incidents is not available. The summary-based methodology, despite its reliability, is limited in many aspects. Limitations of the summary system include a lack of information on offenses, arrests, and victim/offender relationships.

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) was designed in cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs Association to replace the existing Uniform Crime Reporting summary system. This new system has many changes in contrast to the current UCR system.

Some of the major differences include:

- (1) Additional and expanded Part I offenses - from eight to 23;
- (2) More data elements collected for the Part I offenses for better crime analysis; and
- (3) Magnetically submitted information (e.g. disk, electronic submission).

The Texas Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) is modeled after the FBI's NIBRS. Unlike the summary-based UCR Program, TIBRS collects data on each single crime occurrence. TIBRS is a part of the NIBRS submission. Texas requires that additional data on family violence and drug seizure offenses be collected.

These funds will allow APD to purchase Versaterm incident-based reporting software in a package that includes project management, support, development, installation, configuration, testing, and formal certification. Funding will also cover the cost of server licenses, training supplies and overtime, new workstations, and a full workspace restructure. This will allow APD to report properly to the TIBRS system. This project will transition APD from summary-based to incident-based reporting, effectively enhancing the availability, accuracy, and usefulness of local crime statistics.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses 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.