

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49656	Agenda Number	43.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of \$230,310.95 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Austin Police Department Victim Crisis Intervention Project. Related to Item # 44.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$230,310.95 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund for the project period of September 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016. A match of 20% (\$57,578.06) 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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 25, 2014
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Chief of Staff 512 974 5030
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to complete the award process related to \$230,310.95 in grant funding. The project period is September 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to:

- continue the salary of an existing grant-funded victim counselor (\$75,288.72)
- hire two full-time temporary status victim counselors (\$111,956)
- provide overtime for victim counselors (\$10,000)
- purchase project equipment and supplies (\$33,066.23)

This is the second year of this project. With CJD funds, the APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project will provide mental health and practical intervention for victims of crime as close to the time of an incident 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. APD anticipates that the project will provide services for over 800 victims of crime during the project period.

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.