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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	62963	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2016	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$521,145.35 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department Victim Crisis Intervention Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funds in the amount of \$521,145.35 are available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund for the project period of October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2018. A match of 20% 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 17, 2015
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department
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 \$521,145.35 in grant funds. The project period is October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2018. A match of 20% (\$130,286.34) of the total project cost is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing city-funded victim service supervisor.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds will allow the City to continue the salaries of three existing grant-funded victim counselor positions and to purchase minimal supplies.

This is the third year of this project. With CJD funds, the Austin Police Department (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 shelters, safety planning, and information and referrals to other helpful service providers. APD anticipates that the project will provide services for over 1,600 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 funds are 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.