

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: June 28, 2018

Item Number: **039**

Police

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$1,213,309.17 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project.

Lead Department	Austin Police Department.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$1,213,309.17 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2020. A City funding match of \$303,327.29 is required and will be met by accounting for the salaries of existing City-funded victim services personnel.
Prior Council Action	September 22, 2016 -Resolution No. 20160922-036 related to grant funds to implement the APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project was approved on consent on Council Member Zimmerman’s motion, Council Member Gallo’s second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Casar was off the dais. Council Member Troxclair was absent.
For More Information	Troy Gay, Assistant Chief, Austin Police Department.

Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to

complete the award process related to \$1,213,309.17 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2020. A City funding match of \$303,327.29 is required and will be met by accounting for the salaries of existing City-funded victim services personnel.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to continue the salaries of seven victim counselor positions (three existing full-time grant-funded victim counselor positions and four full-time temporary status counselor positions). Funding is also allocated for training (locally hosted as well as in- and out-of-state) for VOCA-scope counselors, victim supplies and print materials.

This is the twenty-first consecutive VOCA award but the first following the merge of two similarly designed projects. 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 an estimated 4,200 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.