



RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Commission for Women

Recommendation Number: 20180824-03a: Violence Prevention and Crisis Response Programs

WHEREAS, the Commission for Women ("Commission") of the City of Austin ("City") serves as an advisory body to the City Council ("Council") and city manager concerning the needs and problems of women in the Austin area and shall recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront women in social, economic and vocational pursuits. The Commission shall develop goals and coordinate research for planning, programming, and action relating to opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in the city; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2018 the Public Safety Commission passed Recommendation No. 20180806-008, ("Recommendation") calling upon the Council to fund violence prevention and crisis response programs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard from SAFE representatives at the August 8, 2018 meeting where the Crime Prevention and Victim Safety Services programs were examined and reviewed along with community and fiscal impact (presentation materials attached for reference); and

WHEREAS, the Commission agrees with the Public Safety Commission Recommendation and supports the City funding of these violence prevention programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission for Women recommends funding violence prevention and crisis response programs to decrease the human-caused crimes of child, sexual and domestic violence, and to stop violence and abuse through prevention and intervention; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission for Women recommends that funding for these programs may be an open RFP process, but that the funding benchmark for this item of \$706,000 a year be targeted given the needs of the community.

Date of Approval: August 24, 2018

Record of the vote: Unanimous on an 8-0 vote, two commissioners absent

Attest: _____


Vicky Nguyen, Staff Liaison