



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 18-3483, Agenda Item #: 12.**

**2/21/2019**

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$122,112 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Program.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$122,112 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 January 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. A City match of \$30,528 is required and will be met by accounting for the salaries of existing City-funded sworn personnel assigned to manage the APD Peer Support Program.

### **For More Information:**

Troy Gay, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department (512) 974-5030.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will provide the resolution required by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to complete the award process related to \$122,112 in grant funding for this new program. The project period is January 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. A City match of \$30,528 is required and will be met by accounting for the salaries of existing City-funded sworn personnel assigned to manage the APD Peer Support Program.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to enhance current critical incident stress debriefing services by hiring a licensed clinical social worker. This counselor will be dedicated 100% to pre- and post-crisis management activities, serving only sworn victims and survivors. Direct service hours, focused on trauma-informed care, will include crisis intervention, counseling, personal advocacy, and information and referrals to help sworn victims and survivors recover more quickly and completely from the effects of victimization. The successful implementation of this project will directly impact a projected 18% of APD sworn personnel (victims / survivors) over the 2-year project period. The implementation of this project is also expected to reduce the turnaround time for victim counselor response (from time of casework assignment to first contact, subsequent contacts).

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.

