



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-3502, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

11/14/2019

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Violence Against Women Investigative Project.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$120,568 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. A City funding match of \$49,247 is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing City-funded sworn supervisor.

### **Prior Council Action:**

September 10, 2019 Approved the City's budget for FY2019-2020, which included grant funding from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the APD Violence Against Women Investigative Project.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$120,568 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. A City funding match of \$49,247 is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing City-funded sworn supervisor.

CJD Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding will allow the City to:

- hire a full-time temporary status retired investigator to assist with casework backlogs
- hire a part-time temporary status coordinator to identify the community's high-risk, violent offenders
- hire a part-time temporary status researcher to assist law enforcement and prosecutors with justice system improvements

This is the second year of this project. 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 .