



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3021, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for, and acceptance of, grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$596,106 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, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A City funding match (20%) is required and will be met by accounting for portions of the salaries of existing City-funded Victim Services positions.

Prior Council Action:

August 27, 2020 - City Council approved acceptance of grant funding.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$596,105.42 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A City funding match (20%) is required and will be met by accounting for portions of the salaries of existing City-funded Victim Services positions.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to fund the salaries and benefits of six full-time victim counselor positions, and minimal supply and training costs.

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 1,800 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 the Public Safety Office (PSO) 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 the PSO 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 PSO.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.