

AGENDA



Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing renewal grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act in the amount of \$358,215 for eight full-time equivalent (FTE) Victim Counselors for a Comprehensive Victim Services Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$358,215 is available in the grant period of July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division. The required 20% match of \$89,554 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department Victim Services Program.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Cathy Ellison/Acting Chief of Police, 974-5030

Prior Council Action: March 9, 2006

This action approves a resolution authorizing the City to apply for \$358,215 in grant renewal funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the Austin Police Department.

The goal of the grant program is to increase counseling, referral and follow-up services to adult and child primary and secondary crime victims who have witnessed or experienced family, school or community violence. The grant period runs from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.

The grant program goals will be achieved by addressing the APD Victim Services Program goals of improving the quality of life for Austin residents through responding to the psychological and emotional needs of victims, families and neighbors who have experienced crime and/or trauma so that they can more quickly and completely recover from the effects of victimization. The eight (8) grant-funded FTE Victim Counselors will deliver these services by providing on-scene crisis stabilization (Crisis Team) and investigative support and follow-up (Centralized Investigations and Family Violence).