

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

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

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of \$61,239 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, State Criminal Justice Planning Program for one existing full-time equivalent (FTE) for the Austin Police Department Victim Services Division, On-Scene Crisis Response Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, State Criminal Justice Planning Program (Fund 421) for the grant period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. This is the first year of a 5-year grant project. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: APD Chief of Staff David Carter/974-5033

Prior Council Action: None

This action approves a resolution authorizing the application for \$61,239 in grant renewal funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, State Criminal Justice Planning Program (Fund 421) for one existing full-time equivalent (FTE) for the Austin Police Department project entitled "Improving the Criminal Justice System, On-Scene Crisis Response."

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 September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009.

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 one (1) grant-funded FTE Victim Counselor will deliver these services by providing on-scene crisis stabilization (Crisis Team) and investigative support and follow-up counseling services (Centralized Investigations and Family Violence).