

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 26**

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**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the application of renewal grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act in the amount of \$69,270 for two (2) existing full-time equivalent (FTE) Victim Services Counselors for the Austin Police Department Victim Services Division.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act, for the grant period September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. The required cash match of \$37,301 is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** APD Chief of Staff David Carter/974-5030

**Prior Council Action:** June 7, 2007

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This action approves a resolution authorizing the application for \$69,270 in sixth year grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for the Austin Police Department to provide assistance to female victims of domestic violence and stalking. The grant period runs from September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009.

A cash match of \$37,301 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel costs for two grant-funded Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Victim Counselors to be proposed in the FY 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department, Victim Services Program. Funding for the continued operation of this program is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

This grant funds two FTE Victim Counselors to provide counseling, service referrals, and assistance to more than 1,000 victims through the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Protection Team. The counselors work in coordination with other Team members to reduce victim trauma. The Team is a collaboration of agencies including Family Violence Detectives and Victim Services Counselors in the Austin Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County District Attorney's Office, the Women's Advocacy Project, Texas RioGrande Legal Aide, the Travis County Attorney's Office, and SafePlace.