

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

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**Subject:** Authorize the execution of a 2-year contract (October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2010) with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid to secure the services of a part-time protective order attorney and a part-time paralegal for the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Protection Team in an estimated amount not to exceed \$139,163.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$139,163 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, "Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protective Orders, awarded to the City of Austin for the 24 month period ending September 30, 2010.

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

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

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The City of Austin is a member of the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Protection Team ("FVPT") and serves as the fiscal agent for the "Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protective Orders." Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid is also a member of FVPT and will receive reimbursement for grant funded services through the execution of the contract with the City.

The part-time protective order attorney will represent victims seeking protective orders who are conflicted out of Travis County Attorney's Office. The part-time paralegal will provide victims with information regarding vital wrap around services such as assistance with housing, social security, consumer, and public benefits issues. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid will be responsible for providing the City with monthly documentation of grant-related Texas RioGrande Legal Aid costs. This documentation will be the basis for the City's monthly reimbursement of Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid.