

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 15, 2009

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$107,359 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$107,359 for the salaries of three victim services counselors under the Services for Victims of Domestic Violence Program.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division for the grant period September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010. A match of \$57,809 is required and will be met by reporting the salary of an existing victim services supervisor.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

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

**Prior Council Action:** March 5, 2009 - resolution authorizing application

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This grant will provide \$107,359 to continue the salaries of three victim services counselors for the grant period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. A match of \$57,809 is required and will be met by reporting the salary of an existing victim services supervisor.

Victim services counselors provide mental health and practical intervention as close to the time of the event 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. Victim services counselors will also act as liaisons between detectives, prosecutors, and other collateral parties for the duration of each investigation and will conduct follow up meetings with victims.