

AGENDA



Thursday, October 22, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$200,000 in grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Fiscal Year 2009 Law Enforcement Task Forces, Human Trafficking Victims Continuation Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20090914-002 to appropriate \$200,000 for the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the BJA Fiscal Year 2009 Law Enforcement Task Forces for Human Trafficking Victims Continuation Program. An in-kind match of \$92,748 is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 operating budget of the Austin Police Department. The supplement amends grant 2005-VT-BX-0017 and extends the grant period to September 30, 2010.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is included.

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Prior Council Action: October 18, 2007 - Grant supplemental

“Human Trafficking” means deceiving or coercing people under threat of harm, usually for the purpose of compelling individuals to engage in forced labor or sexual exploitation. Human Trafficking must not be confused with human smuggling; which is when an individual voluntarily seeking out a smuggler, pays a fee in exchange for transport to a destination, and the individual is free to do as he wishes upon reaching his destination.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) supplemental funding will continue the grant through September 30, 2010. Grant funds will be used to continue to provide investigative overtime, the law enforcement liaison position at 40 hours per week, and supplies and training materials for the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Task Force. This BJA solicited award was not anticipated during the regular budget process and it has been awarded as a supplement to an existing grant that was scheduled to end November 30, 2009.