Thursday, March 24, 2011

Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 24

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$181,973 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD ARRA VAWA - Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$181,973 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Recovery Act (VAWA Recovery Act) Program for the project period of March 1 – June 30, 2011.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$181,973 in grant funding. The project period is March 1 – June 30, 2011.

VAWA Recovery funds will be used to build the capacity of the department to provide services to adult female victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. Funds will

- 1) allow for the purchase of equipment and supplies;
- 2) be used to send investigators and counselors to in and out-of-state training; and,
- 3) to locally host training for local and regional law enforcement.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses items one through four below.

- 1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
- 2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds:
- 3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.): and
- 4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.