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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 7412 | Agenda Number | 41. |
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| Meeting Date: | 6/23/2011 | Department: | Austin Police Department |
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$168,225 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$168,225 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Program for the project period of September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012. A match of 35% is required and will be met by accounting for the salaries of existing city-funded victim service supervisors.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | |
| For More Information: | Patti Robinson, Assistant Chief / 974-5030 |
| Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the resolution required by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$168,225 in grant funding. The project period is September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012.

Renewal VAWA funding will allow for the continuation of the salaries of three existing grant-funded victim services counselors. The 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. The Counselors 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 on their behalf.

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.