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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25987	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	8/22/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$61,110 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$61,110 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Program for the project period of September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014. A match of 35% (\$32,905) of the total project cost is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing city-funded victim service supervisor.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 2011 - City Council approved CJD funding to benefit victims of domestic violence. September 2012 - City Council approved a resolution accepting \$61,626.04 in grant funding from the State of Texas to implement the APD project called Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$61,110 in grant funding. The project period is September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014.

Renewal VAWA funding will allow for the continuation of the salary of a victim services counselor. The counselor provides 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.

Annually, the VAWA funded counselor typically provides services for 500 – 700 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence. The counselor also assists for cadet and service provider training upon request.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that includes 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.