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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29138	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	1/23/2014	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$63,000 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 Crime.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$63,000 is available, but not guaranteed, from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund for the project period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014. A match of 20% (\$15,750) 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:

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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 \$63,000 in grant funding. The project period is January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to hire a victim services counselor for a 12-month period. The counselor will provide mental health and practical intervention as close to the time of a criminal incident 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.

APD anticipates that the counselor will provide services for 500 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence during the project period replacing the services lost when funding expired for a prior grant funded counselor.

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.