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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49688	Agenda Number	45.
Meeting Date:	9/17/2015		Department:	Austin Police Department
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$8,882 in additional grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Program and amending the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$8,882 for the Austin Police Department's Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence project. Related to Item # 46.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$8,881.08 is available in a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Program.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>March 12, 2015 Item # 10 Resolution 20150312-010 was approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Gallo was absent.</p>			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The current Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund includes \$125,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Program (VAWA). The Austin Police Department (APD) will receive a grant award in the amount of \$133,882 from the State, which is \$8,882 more than anticipated. A match of 35% (\$72,090) of the total project cost is required and will be met by funding the salary of an existing city-funded victim service supervisor and counselor.

This ordinance will accept \$8,882 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Violence Against Women Act Program and amend the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate these funds for APD's Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence project.

VAWA funding will allow the City to:

- continue the salary of an existing full-time grant-funded victim services counselor (\$77,058)
- send twelve VAWA project staff members (counselors and investigators) to in- and out-of-state training (\$18,654)
- purchase project equipment (\$25,800) and supplies (\$12,370)

This is the eighteenth year of this project. The goals of the project include assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking; ensuring proper case coordination, multidisciplinary case staffing, interagency communication, and follow up; and providing domestic violence and sexual assault training to professionals responding to incidents involving victims of the focus crimes.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Police Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.