

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	60852	Agenda Number	52.
Meeting Date:	8/18/2016	Department:	Austin Police Department	

Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$109,660 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund; and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to appropriate \$109,660 for the Austin Police Department project APD Assistance for Victims of Violent Crime.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$109,660 is available in a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund. A 20% match is required and will be met by accounting for the salaries of existing supervisor positions. Grant period is for September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 17, 2015
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department (512) 974-5030
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

By this action, Council will approve the acceptance of \$109,660 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Fund; and will amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – 2016 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to appropriate the funds for the Austin Police Department (APD) project APD Assistance for Victims of Violent Crime (formerly called Assistance for Female Victims of Domestic Violence (VAWA)).

The current FY 2015 – 2016 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund includes \$134,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), Victims of Crime Act Fund. APD received a grant award in the amount of \$243,660, which is \$109,660 more than anticipated. A 20% match is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of existing city-funded supervisors assigned to the project.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding allows the City to continue the salary of an existing grant-funded victim counselor position, provide overtime for existing counselors and purchase minimal supplies. Funding will also allow the City to hire two new full-time temporary status victim counselors. This is the third year of this project. With CJD funds, the APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project will provide mental health and practical intervention for victims of crime as close to the time of an 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.

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