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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	74146	Agenda Number	26.
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Meeting Date:	8/31/2017	Department:	Austin Police Department
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## Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Austin Police Services for Victims of Violent Crime.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018. A match of 20% of the total project cost is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing City-funded victim service supervision

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 18, 2016
For More Information:	Troy Gay, Assistant Chief, Austin Police Department (512)974-5030
Council Committee, 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 \$332,765.57 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018. A match of 20% (\$83,191.40) of the total project cost is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing city-funded victim service supervisor.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to continue the salaries of one existing full-time grant-funded victim counselor position and three full-time temporary status counselor positions. Funding is also allocated for counselor overtime and training for VOCA-scope counselors and investigators.

This is the twentieth year of this project. With CJD funds, the Austin Police Services for Victims of Violent Crime 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. APD anticipates that the project will provide services for an estimated 1,490 victims of crime during the project period.

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.