



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize an application for \$689,466 in continuation grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Grants Office, "Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders" to provide comprehensive services to the victims of domestic violence.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Grants Office "Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders" for the 24-month grant period September 1, 2004 through October 31, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Stan Knee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coy, Assistant Chief/974-5021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Grant acceptance on 10/10/2002.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This action authorizes the City of Austin to apply for \$689,466 in continuation grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Grants Office "Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement Orders" program for the Austin-Travis County Family Violence Protection Team (FVPT). The FVPT was established in 1997 with grant funds to provide comprehensive services to the victims of family violence. The new grant will provide funding for continued consolidated services. Matching funds are not required. The grant is for a 24-month award period from September 1, 2004 through October 31, 2006.

The FVPT is a collaborative effort between the Austin Police Department, Travis County Attorney's Office, Travis County District Attorney's Office, Travis County Sheriff's Office, SafePlace, Texas Rural Legal Aid, and the Women's Advocacy Project. Under the terms of the grant, the City of Austin must serve as the grant applicant. In the past, the City contracted for services with each of the non-profit agencies and Travis County. The administrative burden for maintaining the contracts was substantial. In this grant, funds will be subcontracted to SafePlace and they will maintain contracts with the other partner agencies at the FVPT. The Austin Police Department will maintain \$15,000 for the two years to pay for the lease space for the partner agencies. The SafePlace subcontract is for \$337,233 per year, for two years:



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SafePlace	.5 FTE FVPT Coordinator (\$22,000) Finance administration (\$10,000) Travel/training money (\$15,000) Computer equipment (\$3,500)	\$50,500
Texas Rural Legal Aid	.20 FTE Protective Order Attorney .5 FTE Paralegal	\$43,050
Travis County Attorney's Office	1 FTE Protective Order Attorney (\$64,097) .5 FTE Intake Attorney (\$25,007) (18 months paid by grant)	\$89,104
Women's Advocacy Project	.75 FTE Emergency Protective Order Attorney/Supervisor	\$43,000
District Attorney's Office	.5 FTE Intake Attorney	\$46,930
Travis County Sheriff's Office	1 FTE Detective (18 months paid by grant)	\$64,646
ANNUAL TOTAL		\$337,233