



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17
AGENDA DATE: Thu 08/26/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of \$80,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act for the renewal of Austin Police Department project entitled "Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence."

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act for the grant period September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005. A cash match of \$36,883 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel expenses for grant funded FTEs to be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department (APD), Victim Services Program.

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

REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy

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

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Grant application and acceptance on January 29, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action authorizes the City to apply for and accept \$80,000 in seventh year grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for the Austin Police Department to provide "Assistance to Female Victims of Domestic Violence." The grant period will run from September 1, 2004 – August 30, 2005. *This grant was accepted by Council on January 29, 2004 but requires a correction to the resolution to incorporate language required by the grantor.*

A cash match of \$36,883 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel costs for the grant funded FTEs to be proposed in the FY 2004-2005 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department (APD), Victim Services Program. Funding for the continued operation of this program is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

The grant funds two full-time equivalent (FTE) Victim Counselors to provide counseling, service referrals, and assistance to more than 1,000 victims through the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Protection Team. The counselors work in coordination with other Team members to reduce victim trauma. The Team is a collaboration of agencies including Family Violence Detectives and Victim Services Counselors in the Austin Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County District Attorney's Office, the Women's Advocacy Project, Texas Rural Legal Aid, the Travis County Attorney's Office, and SafePlace.