Thursday, April 8, 2010

Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 15

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$138,107 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to continue the salaries of three current grant-funded VAWA Victim Services Counselors. The project is entitled "Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence."

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division for the grant period September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. The required match of 35% will be met by accounting for portions of two existing city-funded Victim Services Division supervisors.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Assistant Chief David Carter/974-5030

Prior Council Action: March 5, 2009 - Council approved a resolution authorizing the application for grant funding for three full-time equivalent Victim Services Counselors.

This action will approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$138,107 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to continue the salaries of three current grant-funded VAWA Victim Services Counselors - 1 FTE (\$53,684), .8 FTE (\$53,108), and .6 FTE (\$31,315) - for the grant period September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. The project is entitled "Austin Police Services for Victims of Domestic Violence." The required match of 35% will be met by accounting for portions of two existing city-funded Victim Services Division supervisors.

To properly accept the \$138,107 in grant funding, the grantor requires a resolution that addresses the following:

1) Authorization 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; 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.

This grant addresses the Department goal of assisting victims of violent crime.