



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2515, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$662,339 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$662,339 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, 2020 - September 30, 2021. A City funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

June 28, 2018 - City Council approved the acceptance of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) award (2018-2020).

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to complete the award process to receive \$662,339 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021. A City funding match is not required.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding will allow the City to fund the salaries and benefits of eight full-time victim counselor positions.

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. APD anticipates that the project will provide services for an estimated 2,400 victims of crime during the project period.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that includes the following criteria:

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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.