



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2518, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$168,670 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Violence Against Women Investigative Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$168,670 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Formula Grants for the project period of October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021. A City funding match of \$72,288 is required.

Prior Council Action:

November 14, 2019 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20191114-023, approved on consent on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion and Council Member Ellis' second, with an 11-0 vote

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 related to \$168,670 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021. A City funding match of \$72,288 is required and will be met by accounting for the salary of an existing City-funded sworn supervisor.

CJD Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding will allow the City

- to hire two full-time temporary Violent Crime Apprehension Program (ViCAP) assistants to support the entry and investigation of sexual assault cases entered into the FBI's ViCAP database (\$160,196)
- to hire a part time temporary status employee to work with key personnel to implement more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, and develop and promote local policies that enhance best practices for responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (\$8,474).

This is the third year of this project. 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.