



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3449, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County in the amount of \$419,378 for services to be provided by Travis County in connection with the Austin Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

August 12, 2020 - City Council approved the FY 2020-21 Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001).

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program is a collaboration between the City and project partners The SAFE Alliance, Travis County Community Justice Services, and the Travis County District Attorney's Office. The purpose of this project is to address the increased demand for services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in Austin and Travis County by resolving gaps in services and strains on law enforcement, prosecution, and victim service providers across the criminal justice system.

Funding in the amount of \$419,378 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, FY20 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2023, which may be extended by the City with permission from the Department of Justice. A match is not required. Funding will be used by the Travis County District Attorney's Office (\$244,378) and Travis County Community Justice Services (\$175,000) to address the increased demand for services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in Austin and Travis County by resolving gaps in services and strains on law enforcement, prosecution, and victim service providers across the criminal justice system.

The goals of these elements are to increase victim participation in the criminal justice system by increasing victim/provider contacts, increase accountability for offenders of domestic violence and sexual assault by increasing law enforcement capacity, and improve victim experience at the forensic medical exam clinic by improving staff coordination and clinic logistics. Progress will be measured by tracking victim/provider interactions, compliance checks completed, victims served, and victim satisfaction with services.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety .