



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3020, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$37,705 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Grant Program for the Austin Police Department Violence Against Women Investigative Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$37,705 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A City funding match (30%) is required and will be met by accounting for a portion of the salary of an existing City-funded sworn supervisor. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 27, 2020 - City Council approved the Violence Against Women Act award (2020-21).

For More Information

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Additional Backup Information:

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will accept \$37,705 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program; and amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Police Department (APD) Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20210811-001 to appropriate \$37,705 for the APD VAWA Investigative Project for the one-year grant period (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022).

Criminal Justice Division VAWA funding will allow the City to continue the salary of one temporary Violent Crime Apprehension Program (ViCAP) specialist to support the entry and investigation of sexual assault cases entered into the FBI's ViCAP database.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Police Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.