



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3022, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

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 \$596,106 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program for the Austin Police Department Victim Crisis Intervention Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$596,106 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Formula (VOCA) Grant Program. A City funding match (20%) is required and will be met by accounting for portions of the salaries of existing City-funded Victim Services positions. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 27, 2020 - City Council approved acceptance of grant funding.

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 \$596,106 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, VOCA Formula Grant Program; and amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Police Department (APD) Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to appropriate \$596,106 for the APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project for the one-year grant period (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022).

VOCA funding will allow the City to fund the salaries and benefits of six full-time victim counselor positions, and minimal supply and training costs.

With Criminal Justice Division 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 1,800 victims of crime during the project period.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.