SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of $450,000 in grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance “Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking” grant program; amend the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate $450,000; and amend the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget General Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to create one full-time equivalent sworn position to support the Austin Police Department Immigrant Protection Team.


FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Police DIRECTOR'S DEPARTMENT: AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coy, Assistant Chief/974-5033

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A
BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A
PURCHASING: N/A
MBE/WBE: N/A

This action authorizes the acceptance of $450,000 in grant funds and amends Ordinance No.040913-01 the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 operating budget, Police Department Special Revenue Fund to appropriate grant funds. In addition, the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget General Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 will be amended to create one full time equivalent sworn position to support the Immigrant Protection Team. The City of Austin received $450,000 in grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance "Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking" grant program to assist the Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CTCAHT) and the Austin Law Enforcement Task Force to increase the identification and rescue of human trafficking victims brought to the Austin, Texas area. The grant is for a three-year period from December 1, 2004 to November 30, 2007. Grant funds will be used to hire a full-time detective, an analyst on a contract basis, and supplies and training materials for the Austin Law Enforcement Task Force. Council action to modify the APD sworn classification is included in a related agenda item.

A new detective position will be created to work within the APD Immigrant Protection Team. The detective will work on human trafficking cases and will serve as a Liaison to all Law Enforcement Task Force members such as U.S. Immigrations and Customs, the U.S. Department of Labor, and Texas Department of Public Safety. The APD detective will also assist state and county law enforcement in handling cases occurring outside of the Austin city limits.
In addition to the assigned human trafficking cases, the detective will proactively research APD cases for those that may be linked to human trafficking. Although an incident may appear to be a clear case of prostitution, robbery, or domestic abuse, upon further investigation, these cases may result in the identification of human trafficking victims.

This position will be added to the general fund budget by separate council action and reimbursed by grant funding.

Success of the grant-funded project will be measured by a projected 15 percent increase in the number of trafficking victims identified and assisted by the Task Force and the Central Texas Coalition. The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas, the Austin Police Department Immigrant Protection Unit, and Office of Immigration and Refugee Affairs will have primary roles for providing training for the Coalition and the large public in identification of human trafficking victims.
OPERATING BUDGET
Spending Plan

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: 1/13/2005
WHERE ON AGENDA: Ordinance
DEPARTMENT: Police

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Total Project Costs: $670,559

Existing Sworn General Fund FTEs: 1.0
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Total Funding Sources: $664,369

Funding is available from the Bureau of Justice for the grant period December 1, 2004 - November 30, 2007. An in-kind match of $68,123 is included in the FY 2004-2005 operating budget. The remaining in-kind budget of $136,247 is contingent on the approval of future budgets.

Budget Office: ___________________________ Date: 1-17-05

RCA 7377
OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE

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Budget Office: ___________________________ Date: 1-4-05

RCA # 7377
ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS AND ADD ONE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of $450,000 in grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate $450,000 and amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget General Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to create one full-time equivalent sworn position to support the Austin Police Department Immigrant Protection Team.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_________________________ 2005

Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED:

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk