

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 35FY22-OOG-CJD-VICTIMS OF CRIME FORMULA GRANT

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant to Occur in Fiscal Year 2022 in an Amount of \$185,648.00, Adopt Resolution, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2022 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in an amount of \$185,648.00;
  2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Fiscal Year 2022 grant;
  3. Adopt the attached resolution to make assurances as required by the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division; and
  4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount of \$185,648.00.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose, of the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula Grant, Fiscal Year 2022, is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and provide aid through the criminal justice process. If awarded, grant will continue to fund two positions in the Fort Worth Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit (Victim Assistance Specialist and High Risk Family Violence Specialist). The grant period for this award is from 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022.

The overall goal, of the OOG, CJD, VOCA Formula Grants, is to reduce the trauma experienced by crime victims. This is achieved by providing efficient and comprehensive advocacy and services for all victims of violent crime and conduct outreach and education to victims of family violence exhibiting high risk factors. Through these services, the likelihood of repeat victimization and intimate partner homicide is reduced.

There is a match requirement of 20% of the total budget. A portion of the Victim Assistant Coordinator's time will fulfill this requirement. The Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund budget will be used to meet this match requirement.

The attached resolution affirms that 1) the City Council has ratified the grant project; 2) designates the City Manager, through the Deputy City Manager, to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City; and 3) in the event of loss or misuse of CJD grant funds, the City assures that the funds will be returned to the CJD in full.

A portion of the awarded funds will be used to cover indirect costs at the Police Department's approved rate (currently 4.89%).

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund and the match requirement will be budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2022 Police Department General Fund budget. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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