

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/11/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0265

LOG NAME: 35FY24-25 OAG VICTIM COORDINATOR AND LIAISON GRANT (VCLG)

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victim Services Division, Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant to Occur in Fiscal Years 2024-2025 in an Amount Up to \$99,000.00, Adopt Resolution, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, Fiscal Years 2024-2025 State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victim Services Division, Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant in an amount up to \$99,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General for Fiscal Years 2024-2025;
 3. Adopt the attached resolution to make assurances as required by the State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victim Services Division; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund subject to the receipt of the grant in an amount up to \$99,000.00 for the purpose of funding a bilingual, Spanish-speaking Victim Assistance Specialist position within the Fort Worth Police Department.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Crime Victim Services Division, Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) is to fund a bilingual, Spanish-speaking Victim Assistance Specialist position within the Fort Worth Police Department. The Victim Assistance Specialist will provide support throughout the Fort Worth Police Department to victims of violent crimes and their families who need services translated and/or offered in Spanish. This position is responsible for working with victims of violent crimes to provide information on the law enforcement process, victim's rights, local resources, and crime victims compensation. The OAG has been funding this program since September 2008. The grant period for this award is from 09/01/2023 to 08/31/2025. The application deadline for funding Fiscal Years 2024-2025 is April 14, 2023.

Funding in an amount up to \$99,000.00 will provide partial salary for the Victim Assistant Specialist for 24 months, or \$49,500.00 per Fiscal Year. The remaining (about 36%) salary costs and associated fringe benefits will be covered by the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 General Fund. The City is not required to provide matching funds. Indirect costs is not an eligible budget category under this grant.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: State of Texas

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, approval of the attached resolution, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating State Fund. 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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