

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/10/19

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 19-0132

**LOG NAME:** 35FY 19 LAW ENFORCEMENT BASED VICTIM SPECIALIST

## **SUBJECT**

Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program Grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 per year for three years, and Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement with the Office for Victims of Crime (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for the FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, in an amount up to \$275,000 per year for three years; and
  2. Authorize the acceptance of, if awarded, the FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program Grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, in an amount up to \$275,000 per year for three years; and
  3. Authorize the execution of a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crimes for the FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program grant.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program provided through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime enhances crime victim specialist programs with law enforcement agencies to better support victims through the criminal justice process by connecting victims with community-based direct service programs to more quickly and more effectively serve them. This grant program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20103(c)(1)(A).

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD), Victim Assistance Unit has applied for program funding in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 per year for three years in eligible grant expenses including, but not exclusive to, personnel, supplies, travel (local mileage), and training. Specifically, the FWPD Victim Assistance Unit would like to use these funds to hire a bilingual victims specialist to increase the resources available to victims within the community. This individual would work with the Intimate Partner Violence Initiative which is currently located with the FWPD's Northwest Division.

Matching funds are not required under this Program. The funding type is reimbursable.

Indirect cost is an eligible expense.

A Form 1295 is not required for this contract because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and award of the grant, funds in the Grants Operating Fund are subject to future Council appropriation. The Police Department is responsible for requesting all funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being made, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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