

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 35FY23-OOG-PSO-GENERAL-VICTIM-ASSISTANCE

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Ratify Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Victims of Crime Act Grant to Occur in Fiscal Year 2023 in an Amount of \$157,406.00, Adopt Attached Resolution, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 Victims of Crime Act Grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, in an amount of \$157,406.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office for the Fiscal Year 2023 grant;
3. Adopt the attached resolution to make assurances as required by the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in an amount of \$157,406.00, for the purpose of funding services and assistance for victims of crime.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant, Fiscal Year 2023, 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, the 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 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2023.

The overall goal of the OOG, PSO, VOCA Grant 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.

The attached resolution affirms that 1) the City Council has ratified the grant project; 2) designates the City Manager, through the Assistant 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 PSO grant funds, the City assures that the funds will be returned to the PSO in full.

A portion of the awarded funds will be used to cover indirect costs at the Police Department's approved rate (currently 3.81%).

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

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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. 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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