



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2024-58 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, accepting a donation on behalf of the City of Bastrop Police Department in the amount of Two Thousand Five hundred and Sixty Four dollars (\$2,564.00) from Project Beloved.org for utilization by the City of Bastrop Police Department's Victims Services division allowing for the aesthetic remodel of the victim interview room, enhancing the space to be more conducive for interviewing victims and family members; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

In April of 2023 our Victim Services coordinator became aware of a program known as Projectbeloved.org. This program offers a soft, emotionally safe remodel of victim interview rooms for different organizations throughout the country. Project Beloved is a non-profit organization committed to affirming life and supporting survivors of sexual violence. It was founded by Tracy Matheson after her daughter Molly was raped and murdered in 2017. Tracy and others made it their mission to assist in the improvement of conditions in which victims and victims' family members are cared for. This remodel does not require any modifications such as mechanical, electrical, and plumbing. The remodel is aesthetic in nature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project is completely funded by donations and has no adverse impact on the city's budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2024-58 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop Texas.to accept a donation of two thousand five hundred dollars and sixty-four dollars (\$2,564.00) in furnishing and decorations authorizing the City of Bastrop Police Department's Police Chief to accept the donation as the authorized official; providing for a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

Project beloved Mission and excerpt on soft rooms.