

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-07 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BASTROP, TEXAS APPROVING THE BASTROP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S FY2023 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR A VICTIM'S ASSISTANT SPECIALIST AT A TOTAL COST OF SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$62,376.87) WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF BASTROP; AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Bastrop, finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City Bastrop, Texas, that the Victim's Assistant Specialist program be operated for FY2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bastrop Police Department does not currently have a victim's assistance unit, which is a significant gap in our operational process, and, as a result, the department cannot provide personalized and individual services designed to lessen traumas experienced because of victimization; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bastrop, Texas agrees that in the event of misuse of the FY2023 General Victim Assistance Grant, the City of Bastrop City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims Assistance in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bastrop, Texas agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the FY2023 General Victim Assistance Grant Program, which for this grant there is not a matching requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bastrop, Texas seeks to designate the Chief of Police or the Interim Chief of Police as the Grantee's authorized official, with the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City as an applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:**

**Section 1:** The City Council of the City of Bastrop approves the Bastrop Police Department's acceptance of the FY2023 General Victim Assistance Grant Program, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims Crime for funding for a single, full-time employee to serve as the Bastrop Police Department's Victim's Assistant Specialist.

**Section 2:** The Chief of Police or Interim Chief of Police is hereby designated as the Grantee's authorized official with the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City as an applicant agency.

**Section 3:** Any prior resolution of the City Council in conflict with the provisions contained in this resolution are hereby repealed and revoked.

**Section 4:** Should any part of this resolution be held to be invalid for any reason, the remainder shall not be affected thereby, and such remaining portions are hereby severable.

**Section 5:** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

**APPROVED:**

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Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Ann Franklin, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney