



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 07/08/2024

PRESENTER: Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police

TITLE: A Resolution ratifying a FY 2025 Victim Assistance Program continuation grant application from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program, for the purpose of funding two Victim Assistance Coordinators' annual salary, fringe benefits, and training, in the amount of \$171,266.75, and authorizing the City Manager to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded

REVIEWING COMMITTEE: (Reviewed by the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee on 07/08/2024)

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The Police Department is requesting authorization to apply for the FY 2025 Victim Assistance Program Grant, which the department has been receiving since 1996, to fund two full-time Victim Assistance Coordinators and training.

The Victim Assistance Coordinators continue to plan, coordinate, and administer the Victim Assistance Program by recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers; providing personal advocacy for crime victims and their families; planning, implementing, and monitoring new programs pertaining to victim outreach; court accompaniment and interfacing with law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and others on behalf of victims; assisting victims in securing Crime Victims Compensation benefits; providing community education programs; and participating as a member of the Coalition of Crime Victim Services, Law Enforcement Victim Assistance, and Grand Prairie Human Services Coalition.

The Grand Prairie Police Department's Victims Services Unit provides a valuable service to community members in assisting crime victims in navigating the legal process, as well as offering assistance to survivors in the healing and recovery process.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

This grant requires a cash match of \$16,586.25, and an in-kind match of \$30,242.00. The in-kind match is derived from volunteer hours worked to support the program.

BODY

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, RATIFYING A FY 2025 VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TWO VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR POSITIONS' ANNUAL SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND TRAINING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,266.75, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER, OR TERMINATE THE GRANT, IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive a grant for the Victim Assistance program from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$171,266.75: and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City will have limited time to accept the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires grant funds to be returned in the event of loss or misuse of program funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas hereby supports and ratifies grant application number 1359124 for the victim Assistance program from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$171,266.75.

SECTION 2. The City Manager of the City of Grand Prairie is empowered to accept, reject, alter, or terminate this grant on behalf of the City Council.

SECTION 3. The funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the event of loss or misuse of program funds.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with Charter of the City of Grand Prairie and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2024.