



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 07/08/2024

PRESENTER: Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police

TITLE: A Resolution ratifying a FY 2025 Violence Against Women Advocate grant application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Violence Against Women formula grant, for the purpose of funding one Violence Against Women Advocate's annual salary, fringe benefits, and training, in the amount of \$60,304.30 and authorizing the City Manager to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded

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

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The Police Department is requesting authorization to apply for the FY 2025 Violence Against Women Formula Grant, to fund one Violence Against Women Advocate position, assigned to our Victim Assistance Unit.

Creating a position within the Grand Prairie Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit, such as a Violence Against Women Advocate (VAWA), is pivotal in keeping the momentum of best practices, trauma-informed care, and a victim-centered approach. With the rapid growth in Grand Prairie, the 17th largest city in Texas with over 69,000 households represented, it is crucial to take the vital step forward in obtaining a specialized advocate that can contribute to providing female survivors of violent crime with effective access to support, advocacy, and education that is inclusive to their victimization and specific needs.

The Grand Prairie Police Department Violence Against Women Advocate (VAWA) will focus on a victim-centered approach, addressing the needs and concerns of the female survivors of violent crime, in addition to providing them with support and educating them on their rights and criminal justice system, enabling them to be active participants of the process.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

This grant requires a cash match, in the amount of \$25,844.70.

BODY

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, FY 2025 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ADVOCATE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ONE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ADVOCATE ANNUAL SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND TRAINING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,304.30 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 Violence Against Women Advocate from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Violence against Women formula grant in the amount of \$60,304.30; 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.

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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 5050301 for the Violence Against Women Advocate grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Violence Against Women Formula grant in the amount of \$60,304.30.

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.