



## CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

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**MEETING DATE:** 07/08/2024

**PRESENTER:** Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police

**TITLE:** Resolution ratifying a FY 2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of funding a Crisis Support Specialist position's annual salary, fringe benefits and training in the amount of \$89,985.00, 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)

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### **PURPOSE OF REQUEST:**

The Grand Prairie Police Department is seeking to apply for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division's FY 2025 Justice Assistance Grant. Staff recommends using these funds, if received, to continue funding a Crisis Support Specialist position, as it has since 2022. Grand Prairie Officers have the primary responsibility of protecting and serving the citizens and visitors of Grand Prairie. Many police calls for service involve persons who are suffering from a mental health crisis. Supporting evidence shows that these encounters can become dangerous because of the inherent fluidity and unknown factors of dealing with people experiencing a mental health crisis.

A Crisis Support Specialist is a mental health professional who is trained to assist persons suffering from mental illness. The Specialist partners with Grand Prairie Police Officers to become co-responders to aid in intervention and prevention of further crisis in each client.

The Police Department has utilized this grant since 2022, to fund a Crisis Support Specialist position. This proposed grant application is a continuation of the current grant.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

This grant requires no cash or in-kind match.

## **BODY**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, FY 2025 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ONE CRISIS SUPPORT SPECIALIST ANNUAL SALARY, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND TRAINING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,985.00 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 FY2025 Justice Assistance Grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$89,985.00: 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 4307604 for the Justice Assistance grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division grant in the amount of \$89,985.00.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2024.**