



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 02/03/2026
PRESENTER: Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Police
TITLE: Resolution Approving the submission of a FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program application to 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 \$97,600, with no cash or in-kind match and authorizing the City Manager to accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant, if awarded

REVIEWING COMMITTEE:

SUMMARY:

<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Required Match</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
\$97,600	\$0	\$97,600

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The Grand Prairie Police Department is seeking approval to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division’s for the FY 2027 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 a previous grant.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no cash or in-kind match required from the City.

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY 2027 JUSTICE 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 AND FRINGE BENEFITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,600 WITH NO IN-KIND OR CASH MATCH 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 FY2027 Justice Assistance Grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$97,600: and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a cash or in-kind; and

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

WHEREAS, the Finance Director will serve as the Financial Officer for the grant and have the authority and responsibility to maintain financial records to account for all grant expenditures, request payments, and complete all required financial reporting at least quarterly; 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 approves the submission of grant application for the FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program grant to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the amount of \$97,600 for the purpose of funding the salary and benefits of a crisis support specialist.

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 City will comply with all grant requirements.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.