



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 02/03/2026
PRESENTER: Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Police
TITLE: A Resolution approving the submission of a FY 2027 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office for the purpose of continuing the funding for the annual salary, benefits, and training for two Victim Assistance Coordinators in the amount of \$228,217.22 with a cash match of \$11,410.86 and in-kind match of \$34,232.58 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 01/20/2026)

SUMMARY:

Table with 3 columns: Grant Amount, Cash Match, In Kind Match. Values: \$228,217.22, \$11,410.86, \$34,232.58

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for the FY 2027 Victim Assistance Program Grant, which the department has been receiving since 1996, to continue 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 assisting survivors in the healing and recovery process.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The grant requires a cash match of \$11,410.86, and an in-kind match of \$34,232.58. The in-kind match is derived from volunteer hours worked to support the program.

**BODY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY 2027 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE SALARY, BENEFITS, AND TRAINING FOR TWO VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR POSITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,217.22, 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 \$228,217.22; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant requires a cash match of \$11,410.86 and an in-kind match of \$34,232.58; 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 a grant application for the Victim Assistance program as part of the Victims of Crime Act Formula Grand Program from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$228,217.22 for the purpose of finding a victim assistance coordinator position.

**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, including providing the required match.

**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, THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.**