



CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Legislation Text

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Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution of the City of McKinney, Amending Resolution No. 2017-02-033, Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for, Accept, Reject, Alter or Terminate, a Grant to the U. S. Department of Justice, Administered Through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant, to Hire a Victim Advocate

COUNCIL GOAL: Safe and Secure Community

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2017

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

CONTACT: Randy Roland, Assistant Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Approve Revised Resolution

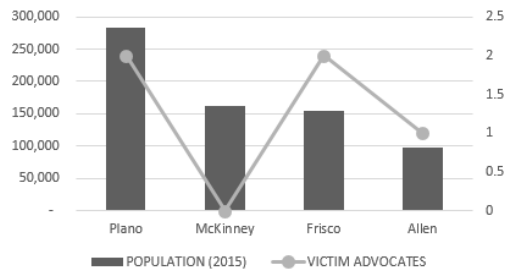
ITEM SUMMARY:

- The submission and acceptance of the grant, if awarded, was approved by City Council on February 7, 2017.
- The State of Texas is requiring a revised Resolution containing the following:
 - The name of the project for which funding is requested must be clearly identified
 - The City must explicitly commit to provide all matching funds
 - The title of the official authorized to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant
 - A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to the Criminal Justice Division
- Funds will be used to hire a Victim Advocate to proactively provide social service referrals and advocacy in order to mitigate the effects of victimization, including but not limited to psychological, physical, emotional and financial effects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The grant is administered through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.
- Along with their primary investigative responsibilities, detectives shoulder victim-support service duties in conjunction with our Criminal Investigation Division Administrative Assistant. Given there is no dedicated personnel to victim support, the extent of our support services is minimal.
- If awarded, next year the City has the option to request a two-year extension of the grant.
- When comparing victim support services in Collin County with cities of similar size, McKinney

is the only City without dedicated victim advocacy personnel.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- The total annual cost for the Victim Advocate position is \$85,478.
- The grant will provide \$68,382 with a City match of \$17,096 (20%) to be appropriated in the FY18 General Fund account 001-9999-403-8833.
- The start date for the grant will be between October 1, 2017 and December 1, 2017.
- There is the option to request a two-year extension of the grant. Future or ongoing costs of the position will have to be evaluated for funding.
- Summary of budget is below:

Salary, Taxes and Benefits	\$ 73,474
Equipment (computer, furniture, office supplies)	\$ 10,425
Training	\$ 1,484
Certification	\$ 95
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 85,478

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

- N/A