



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2019-015, Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division FY20-FY21 General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program Continuation Project, Grant #35444-02.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) has announced the FY20-FY21 General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Grant Program Continuation Project funded under the Victims of Crime Act. The purpose of the program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process. The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for two year's continuation grant funding to fund the Victim Assistance Program's ("VAP") personnel, related costs, and equipment.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The partner cities of North Richland Hills (NRH), Haltom City, Richland Hills, and Watauga entered into a Joint Crime Victim Assistance Program Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") effective October 1, 2018 to provide prompt, comprehensive and compassionate victim services to all victims of violent crime in the four cities. As provided in Section 3 Scope of Services of the agreement, NRH is responsible for the management of the program and the application for available grant funding to fund the VAP's personnel, related costs, and equipment needed to effectively provide services to crime victims.

The police department is seeking authorization to apply for two year's continuation grant funding, offered through the CJD's FY20-FY21 General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Grant Program Continuation Project, in the total amount of \$503,675.00. There is a 20% match requirement, which equals \$100,735.00 with the grant providing \$402,940.00 over the two-year continuation period. The matching requirements and additional program costs will be shared with the partner cities based on percentages outlined for program expense sharing. The NRH portion will be included in our Crime Control District (CCD) fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2019-015.