



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2025-003, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office FY26 General Victim Assistance Grant Program, Grant #3544407.

PRESENTER: Mike Young, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) has announced the FY26 General Victim Assistance Grant Program 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 FY26 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, 2024 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 grant funding, offered through the PSO's FY26 General Victim Assistance Grant Program, in the total amount of \$251,837.50. There is a 20% match requirement in the amount of \$50,367.50, with the grant providing \$201,470. 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 & Prevention District fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2025-003, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office FY26 General Victim Assistance Grant Program, Grant #3544407.