



## COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager

**DATE:** September 24, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Watauga and Richland Hills to form a joint Crime Victim Assistance Program

**PRESENTER:** Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

### **SUMMARY:**

The City of North Richland Hills has been awarded grant funding under the Victims of Crime Act through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) General Victim Assistance FY19 Grant. The cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Watauga and Richland Hills are partnering to form a new Crime Victim Assistance Program.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The CJD's FY19 General Victim Assistance–Direct Services Grant Program earlier this year announced grant funding for the purposes of providing services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process. The City of North Richland Hills (NRH) made application for the grant and was awarded funding for a Crime Victim Assistance Program. The cities of NRH, Haltom City, Watauga and Richland Hills are partnering to form a joint program through information, collaboration and advocacy.

The partner cities are desirous to enter into an interlocal agreement to provide prompt, comprehensive and compassionate victim services to all victims of violent crime in the four-city area by providing trained crime victim advocates to assist them throughout the process and beyond once any criminal proceedings are concluded. NRH will be the fiscal agent for the grant and will manage the program's personnel, related costs, and equipment. Any matching requirements and additional program costs will be shared with the partner cities based on percentages outlined in the agreement for program expense sharing.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Watauga and Richland Hills to form a joint Crime Victim Assistance Program.