

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 12, 2018
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2018-005, Authorizing submission of the grant application for the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division FY19 General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program Grant #3544401.
PRESENTER: Mike Young, Assistant Police Chief

SUMMARY:

The Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) has announced the FY19 General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Grant Program funded under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). 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 grant funding to fund the Victim Assistance Program's (VAP) personnel, related costs, and equipment.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Since 2009, the City of Richland Hills has served as the host city for the joint Crime Victim Liaison Program. The joint program has served over 6,000 crime victims since its inception. The CJD has implemented changes in the program initiatives allowing several new activities and budget line-items. The VAP will incorporate these activities in its development of program goals and objectives. The City of North Richland Hills will be assuming application of the grant funding and management of the VAP. The specified goals, objectives and targets for the expanded project's restorative assistance, crisis intervention, support, and referrals are being developed and will be completed before the February 20, 2018 grant submission deadline.

The police department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize available VOCA program grant funds, offered through the CJD's FY19 General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Grant Program, in the amount of \$345,588.50. Grantees must provide matching funds equal to 20% of the total project cost. The match requirement can be met through cash or in-kind contributions. Since this project includes providing services to our partner cities, a portion of the funding will come from our partner cities. This is how it has been done in the past and the pro-rated amounts will not increase. The NRH portion is included in the CCD fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2018-005.