

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 27, 2017
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2017-012, approving application for and acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Governor's Office Criminal Justice Programs Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant #33672-01, for a violent crimes detective.
PRESENTER: Mike Young, Assistant Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office announced that grant funds have been allocated to assist in funding law enforcement programs in the Council of Government's North Central Region under the 2017 CJD Criminal Justice Programs Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant #33672-01. If awarded, the Police Department will use the funds to staff a new detective position that will focus on violent offenses against women.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Working with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office (TCDA), the Police Department is seeking to improve its response to Intimate Partner Violence in order to decrease both the rates of occurrence and recidivism within its jurisdiction. This will be achieved in partnership with the TCDA through the implementation of the "High Point Model" response to Intimate Partner Violence by providing better access for female victims to community resources, conducting timely home visits, protective order checks, and by working through collaborative partnerships to more effectively identify, investigate, and prosecute intimate partner offenders.

Activities include home/safety visits with the victim by project staff, and specific activities based on the classified level of offense according to the "High Point Model." Under this model, offenses are classified according to severity of the offense and behavior of the violator. In the highest level, Level A, the most serious, violent offenders are subjected to aggressive prosecution by specially assigned prosecutors. In Level B, which includes county-level offenses, activities include prosecution by the TCDA Domestic Violence Unit, support for victim, and monitoring of the violator. Level C offenses are prosecuted in municipal court and include support for the victim and monitoring of the suspect. Level D includes incident that do not meet the elements for a criminal charge. Activities



for this level include the offer of services to the victim and targeted warnings to the aggressive party.

The total grant request is for \$148,503. There is a 35% match requirement, which equals \$51,976. Volunteer hours valued at \$42,296 will be applied toward the required match. The remaining \$9,680 will be met as a cash match to cover a radio, computer equipment and training with the grant providing \$96,527 that will fully cover the cost of the detective including benefits. The grant funds are passed through the Criminal Justice Division and will be dispersed on a competitive basis throughout the NCTCOG's 16-county region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2017-012.