

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 8, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **December 10, 2025, City Council Agenda Item #25-3287A: Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the FY 2026 Victims of Crime Supplement (VOCS) Victim Services Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on December 10, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #25-3287A

Authorize (1) the application for and acceptance of a grant from the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the FY 2026 Victims of Crime Supplement (VOCS) Victim Services Grant (Grant No. 1578123, State Award ID No. 2026-VT-STATE FUNDS) in the amount of \$95,415.17 to adequately respond to victims of violent crime with needed aid for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; (2) the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$95,415.17 in the CJD FY26 VOCS Victim Services Grant Fund; (3) the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$95,415.17 in the CJD FY26 VOCS Victim Services Grant Fund; (4) a local cash match in the amount of \$23,853.79; and (5) execution of the grant agreement with the CJD and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Total not to exceed \$119,268.96 - Financing: CJD FY26 VOCS Victim Services Grant Fund (\$95,415.17) and General Fund (\$23,853.79) (subject to appropriations)

BACKGROUND

This grant award is from the Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division to the City of Dallas. The Dallas Police Department's Victim Services Program, formally established in April 1996, provides victims of violent crimes with crisis intervention, information regarding the criminal justice process, information and referral services specifically for victims or family survivors, and court accompaniment requested by the victim. Services are provided through telephone contact, office visits, and/or home visits. The Dallas Police Department's goal is to lessen the trauma experienced by people who are victimized by violent crimes.

This grant has provided over twenty years of funding for the salaries, benefits, training, and supplies of one full-time Victim Advocate and one part-time Victim Advocate. The Victim Services Unit is in the Crimes Against Persons Division which includes the Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, and Assault Units. Referrals come from the detectives assigned to those units, patrol officers, the community and social service agencies. It is important that victims are informed in a timely manner of the Texas Crime Victims Compensation Program to provide emergency financial assistance for funeral

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benefits which may be needed and to provide referrals to agencies that provide counseling and support.

Victim Advocates provide assistance with the crime victim compensation application, criminal justice process, information and referral, crisis counseling, and court advocacy for the survivors of homicide and victims of sexual assault, robbery, assault and traffic crimes/fatalities such as failure to stop and render aid, intoxication assault or manslaughter, criminal negligent homicide. Advocates also work with detectives, district attorneys and social services agencies to better serve victims of crime to help them in their recovery process.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027	Future Years
CJD FY26 VOCS Victim Services Grant Fund	\$ 95,415.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	\$ 23,853.79	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$ 119,268.96	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Chief of Public Safety

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