



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: December 13, 2023
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** application for and acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Treasury pass-through the Texas Office of the Governor ("Office of the Governor") - Criminal Justice Division for the Dallas Police Department (DPD) Victim Services/21 Grant 23-24 (Grant No. 1578121, Federal/State Award ID No. 2021-CS-21027, Assistance Listing No. 21.027) in the amount of \$104,568.96 to adequately respond to victims of violent crime with needed aid for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$104,568.96 in the DPD Victim Services Grant/21 Grant 23-24 Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$104,568.96 in the DPD Victim Services/21 Grant 23-24 Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$104,568.96 - Financing: U.S. Department of Treasury pass-through the Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

This grant award is from U.S. Department of Treasury pass-through the 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 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 located 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 in order to provide emergency financial assistance for funeral 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.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 24, 2018, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the Dallas Police Department Victim Services/17 Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to adequately respond to victims of violent crime with needed aid for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 18-1527.

On December 9, 2020, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the Dallas Police Department Victim Services/18 Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to adequately respond to victims of violent crime with needed aid for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, by Resolution No. 20-1922.

On December 9, 2021, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the Dallas Police Department Victim Services/19 Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to adequately respond to victims of violent crime with needed aid for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, by Resolution No. 21-2001.

On December 14, 2022, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the Dallas Police Department Victim Services/20 Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to adequately respond to victims of violent crime with needed aid for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, by Resolution No. 22-1805.

[The Public Safety Committee will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on December 11, 2023.](#) <

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FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Year
U.S. Department of Treasury pass-through the Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division Grant Fund	\$104,568.96	\$0.00	\$0.00

