



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: September 17, 2013

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Permission to Accept a Grant Award for Addressing Domestic Violence

Recommendation: That the police department be authorized to accept \$900,000 from the US DOJ – Office on Violence Against Women and execute a contract with them. The department also requests authorization to contract with domestic violence advocacy agencies as designated in the grant proposal. The funds will operate through federal grant funds, Police - \$672,759 in fund 01300 4003140 and City Attorney – \$227,241 in 1300-1400100, increasing the revenue source in 01300 4003500 321010 by \$900,000.

Previous Directives: This grant builds on three previous Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies awards since 2002 to better serve all domestic abuse victims.

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Wendy Guck

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: Police and City Attorney

Fund Name: Federal Grant fund Police, 01300 4003500; City Attorney, 1300-1400100

Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____

Amount: Police, \$672,759; City Attorney, \$227,241

- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Dept Name: Police

Fund Name: Federal Grant fund Police, 01300 4003500 321010;

Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____ - _____

Amount: \$ 900,000

- Action is within the Business Plan
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

The Police Department requests permission to accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women, Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies grant program. The grant award for \$900,000 for three years will provide funding for city attorney staff and domestic violence advocates working with police investigators and crime victims in the Police Department's Domestic Assault Unit. Advocacy services will be provided under contract agreements. No cash match is required.

Our initial 2002 grant and the 2004 grant award funded the core of the current program that showed an increase in prosecution and increased sentences of domestic violence offenders and greatly increased support for assault victims. The 2004 grant award funded outreach to underserved and immigrant communities. The 2006 grant built upon the 2004 grant expanding investigative resources on domestic incidents where the suspects are gone-on-arrival. The grant also focused on better coordination of advocacy resources in the city through the MPD and Domestic Abuse Resource Center as well as other agencies.

The 2009 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies grant program again kept the core program of working with investigators and serving victims in the Domestic Assault Unit but it also expanded its scope toward working with repeat domestic violence offenders and working in the broader picture toward developing a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence. The partners in this grant application are the Minneapolis Police Department and City Attorney's Office, Hennepin County (HC) Community Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Domestic Abuse Project, Casa de Esperanza, and Asian Women United of Minnesota.

The 2013 grant program will be focused on increasing victim safety and offender accountability through the implementation of a Gone-on-Arrival (GOA) Response Team comprised of a Domestic Assault police investigator and an advocate from one of the partner agencies following up immediately on the misdemeanor domestic assault call for service. The Team officer will investigate the case at the scene and the advocate will provide in-person safety planning and support. The grant will also support investigator and advocate support of GOA domestic cases reported to the Hennepin County Domestic Abuse Service Center. A City Attorney will provide timelier review of GOA domestic violence cases.