



Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date: July 9, 2004
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to: None

Subject: Emergency Assistance for Crime Victims

Recommendation:

That the City Council accepts a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs for emergency assistance to crime victims and authorizes the proper City officials to execute the necessary grant documents for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Previous Directives:

None

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City Attorney

Presenters in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

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| <p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p> |
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| <p>Community Impact (use any categories that apply)</p> <p>Neighborhood Notification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Goals</p> <p>Comprehensive Plan</p> <p>Zoning Code</p> <p>Other</p> |
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Background/Supporting Information

In 2003, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Center for Crime Victim Services, requested applications for new emergency fund sites in the metropolitan area. The Center was particularly interested in domestic abuse victims. The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office is the largest misdemeanor prosecution entity in the State of Minnesota and comes into contact with over 4000 domestic abuse victims every year. The City Attorney's Office provides a variety of services to crime victims, including notifying victims of their rights, informing the victims of upcoming court dates, explaining court procedure, and assisting in outreach to various community programs. In 2003, the City Attorney's Office applied for and received a \$2,000.00 grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has awarded the City a new \$2,000.00 grant for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.