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

Date: July 23, 2003
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to

Subject: Receipt of \$2000.00 of grant funding to provide emergency services to crime victims.

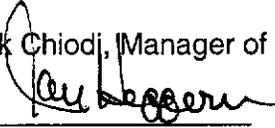
Recommendation

That the City Council accept a \$2000.00 grant from the Minnesota Department of Safety, Center for Crime Victim Services to provide emergency funds for victims of crime and authorize the proper City officials to enter into a contract with the Department of Public Safety for such funds for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Previous Directives

(any past Council actions or directions to staff)

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Presenters in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): The City Attorney's Office will receive \$2000.00 in grant funding for emergency services for victims of crime.
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

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

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Minnesota Center for Crime Victim Services requested applications for new emergency fund sites in the metropolitan area. The Center is 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. 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. This grant will assist the City Attorney's Office in working closer with victims to provide them needed help.

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