

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution, ratification of the submission of an application for the continued funding of a Criminal Investigations Division Officer utilizing a U.S. Department of Justice Violence Against Women Formula Grant for Program Year 2020, and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The New Braunfels City Council strategic priorities include using a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs. As such, Staff recently submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Formula Grant for Program Year 2020 for the continued funding of a Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Officer ("Detective") dedicated solely to investigating violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

The grant application submitted on behalf of the New Braunfels Police Department (NBPD) is for the continuation of the Detective's currently grant-funded position; the funding was first awarded in by this program in 2015 and the City has been fortunate to continue to receive annual funding from the program for the position.

City staff has submitted a grant application for a total amount of \$126,760.56; the granting agency will provide funds for 71% of the total amount, and City will provide funds for a minimum of 29% as a City-match requirement. Therefore, the total cost to the City equals \$36,760.56 and will include personnel costs and position-specific travel/training for the Detective.

CATEGORY	GRANT AMOUNT (71%)	CITY MATCH (29%)	TOTAL
Personnel	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 34,016.56	\$ 124,016.56
Travel/Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,744.00	\$ 2,744.00
TOTAL	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 36,760.56	\$ 126,760.56

If approved, the grant will be awarded in September 2019.

Staff is also requesting City Council approval of a resolution, as required by the granting agency, that will authorize our City Manager to act as the authorized official on behalf of the City in all matters

related to this grant. The designated authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Yes	Strategic Priorities	Use a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The 29% matching requirement for the above-referenced grant equals \$36,760.56. The match funds will be supported by the General Fund via a transfer to the Grant Fund.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of a resolution, ratification of the submission of an application for the continued funding of a Criminal Investigations Division Officer utilizing a U.S. Department of Justice Violence Against Women Formula Grant for Program Year 2020, and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant.