



Legislation Text

File #: 24-1038, **Version:** 1

Department: District Attorney

Department Head/Elected Official: Kim Ogg

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): GY25 HCDAO VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the District Attorney for approval to submit an application to the Office of the Governor/Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$3,502,000, with a required match of \$875,500, for the FY 25 HCDAO Victim Assistance Project.

Background and Discussion:

The state grant funds awarded are \$3,502,000 for the year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice via the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, the purpose of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime, speed their recovery, and aid them through the criminal justice process. Due to anticipated funding levels the grantor has placed a cap on the amount that can be requested this year as well as brought back the match requirement.

Expected Impact:

If awarded this would be the 7 th year of funding for this combined project, which would provide continuation funds for the provision of victim services through the District Attorney's Office. Support staff requested include case workers, victim assistance coordinators, attorneys, and related positions. This grant will fund the 38 positions in the Victim Assistance Project of the Harris County DA's Office.

Alternative Options:

Without grant funding, these 38 positions would need to be vacated and the program would no longer run.

Alignment with Goal(s):

Justice and Safety

Economic Opportunity

- _ Housing
- _ Public Health
- _ Transportation
- _ Flooding
- _ Environment
- _ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
1/9/24		Current award accepted.

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Victims of Crime			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expense
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Grant	\$	\$0	\$	\$3,502,000
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$0	\$	\$875,500
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$4,377,500
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$4,377,500
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Ser-	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 02/27/2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): 10/01/2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Draft Grant Application, Order, Resolution