

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

**COPIES:** J. Rolando Bono, Deputy City Manager; File

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to submit a \$63,910 grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for Project EASE

**DATE:** December 19, 2002

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager, or her designated representative, to submit a \$63,910 grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD). If awarded, the grant will fund the second year of Project EASE in the Victims Advocacy Section. The City will contribute matching funds in the amount of \$23,860 through existing staff time and volunteer hours.

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This grant was initially funded for fiscal year 2002-03. Year two funds are being requested for fiscal year 2003-2004. The purpose of the grant project is to increase the participation of victims of crime, who are deaf, in the San Antonio Police Department Victims Advocacy Section (VAS) program, and enhance services to these victims through an outreach program that will provide case management, education, a support group and culturally appropriate communication.

Project EASE will utilize professional contractors, supervised and administered by current Victims Advocacy Section staff, to provide services to victims of violent crime that are deaf. Grant funds will also be used for the purchase of office and project supplies, training for project personnel and support of existing computer equipment..

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and victims assistance programs. The program will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with victims of violent crime who are hearing impaired.

### FISCAL IMPACT

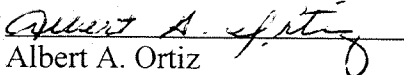
Grant funds totaling \$63,910 will be provided by the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. The City will contribute matching funds in the amount of \$23,860 through existing staff time and volunteer hours.


### COORDINATION

This ordinance request has been coordinated with Finance, City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Management & Budget.

### SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

  
Albert A. Ortiz  
Chief of Police

  
J. Rolando Bono  
Deputy City Manager

Approved:

  
Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager