

**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 ratifying the actions of staff in applying for a grant in the amount of \$1,600,000 to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**DATE:** August 14, 2003

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance ratifies the action of staff in applying to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for a \$1,600,000, four (4) year grant that increase the number of service providers in the Police Department's Victim Advocacy Program, thereby increasing and improving services to children traumatized by domestic violence. A General Fund cash match is not required.

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Police Department's Victims Advocacy Office provides treatment, education, and referral services to victims of crime and their families, with particular attention to domestic violence. Crisis Intervention is one of the services provided by Crisis Response Teams (CRTs), made up of trained caseworkers and augmented by uniformed police officers. These officers are assigned full-time at the substations to provide follow-up contact in all cases of reported domestic violence. In 2002, there were 9,734 reported domestic violence assaults.

The SAMHSA grant program will be called Children Under Reported Bystanders to Violence (CURB Violence). Its purpose is to improve treatment services to traumatized children through the systematic process of data collection, network collaboration, and expert intervention. The San Antonio Police Department's Child Services Program (SAPD CSP) will establish a Community Treatment and Service Center (CTST) at each of the Department's substations by adding a total of six (6) trained therapists to improve accessibility and broaden collaboration with local service systems. The grant's primary goals will be to provide state of the art clinical treatment to children and adolescents impacted by traumatic stress, expand and evaluate Child Service Program's effectiveness of treatment, and provide services to mitigate the impact of traumatic stress. It will also provide for refinement of the collection of clinical data.

This grant will help provide counseling to victims of domestic violence. It will help reduce the rate and severity of family violence, reduce the transmission of violent tendencies into the next

generation, and contribute to the training of counselors, psychologists, and caseworkers to further reduce family violence in the future.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

This ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for victims assistance programs. This program will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with children affected by traumatic stress.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

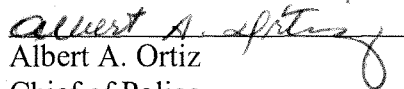
The program budget is for four (4) twelve-month periods at \$400,000 per year, for a total of four years at \$1,600,000. A General Fund cash match is not required.


### **COORDINATION**

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

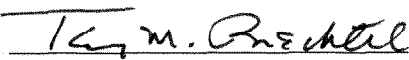
### **SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS**

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