

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Andrew Martin, City Attorney

THROUGH: J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager

COPIES TO: Office of Management and Budget; Finance; and File

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$185,222.00 grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

DATE: October 7, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This Ordinance ratifies the acceptance of a \$185,222.00 grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division ("CJD") under the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") to continue the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence Program for the twelve-month period beginning September 1, 2004 and ending August 31, 2005.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the V.A.W.A. program is to pursue a coordinated and integrated approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, including a partnership between law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim advocates, and service providers. The Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence Program has expanded the domestic violence court at Municipal Court enabling more Class C domestic violence cases to be evaluated and prosecuted. Consequently, more domestic violence victims receive swift intervention and thereby prevent escalation of the domestic violence into a more dangerous crime.

Through implementation of this program, the City Attorney's Office has expanded its abilities to serve more victims through its domestic violence court located at San Antonio's Municipal Court, 401 S. Frio. The legal staff positions supported by these grant funds includes an Assistant City Attorney I, a Program Manager, a Caseworker II and an Office Assistant. This is the seventh year the CAO has received this grant.

In the first six years of the program over 8,211 cases have been reviewed and over 6,111 cases have been filed. In addition, the family violence program has provided over 11,487 victims with referrals for domestic violence intervention services, case information, and follow-up services through phone calls, face-to-face contacts and letters.

The CJD informed the City on September 28 as to the award of the grant. The grant acceptance notice must be signed by the Authorized Official, Mr. J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager; Ms. Susan Guinn, Chief Prosecutor; and Mr. Milo Nitschke, Finance Director, and returned to C.J.D. within 45 days of the award date.

Acceptance of this grant award and approval of the funding and budget for this project must be authorized before November 9, 2004.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This grant follows the long-standing practice of seeking Federal and State funds to promote and ensure the health and well-being of the citizens of the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence Program for this twelve-month period is \$246,963.00. Through this grant, CJD will provide \$185,222.00 for the period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. The remaining amount due is representative of the minimum twenty five percent (25%) required for the VAWA grant and will be contributed by the City as a cash match. The cash match is provided through the salary and fringe benefits of an assistant City Attorney II employee who designates eighty percent (80%) of her work week on the grant mission. In addition, the cash match includes costs for office supplies and communications provided by the City. The in-kind match is contributed by the work of interns and volunteers on the grant project.

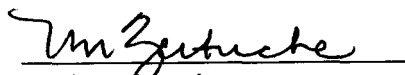
COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Finance Department and the Office of Management and Budget.

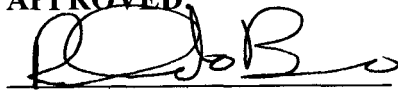
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

This ordinance does not request funding for any contractual services requiring disclosure under the City Code of Ethics.

Attachments: Budget and Personnel Complement.


for Andrew Martin
City Attorney

APPROVED:


J. Rolando Bono
Interim City Manager

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT BUDGET
9/1/2004 TO 8/31/2005

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT BUDGETED</u>
<u>REVENUE:</u>	
CJD Grant # <u>WF-01-V30-13948-07</u>	\$ 185,222.00
Grantee Cash Match (General Fund)	59,787.00
In-Kind Volunteer Contributions	1,954.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 246,963.00
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
Regular Salaries and Wages	\$ 126,600.00
Social Security (figured @ 7.65%)	9,685.00
TMRS (figured @ 11.63%)	14,723.00
Flex Health (\$5,448 per employee)	21,792.00
Life Insurance	190.00
Communications: Telephones	0.00
Mail & Parcel Post	0.00
Travel	6,000.00
Education	0.00
Fees to Professional Contractors	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00
Photographic Supplies	0.00
Indirect Cost	3,580.00
Machinery & Equipment	2,652.00
Furniture & Fixtures	0.00
In-Kind Salaries: General Fund Positions	54,154.00
In-Kind Salaries: Volunteer Positions	1,954.00
In-Kind Travel	0.00
In-Kind Supplies	5,633.00
06-01-10 Expenditure Subtotal	246,963.00
 PROJECT EXPENDITURE TOTAL	 \$ 246,963.00

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT
9/1/2004 TO 8/31/2005
FUND NO. TO BE ASSIGNED UPON AWARD**

PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT

<u>ACTIVITY 06-01-10</u>	<u>POSITIONS APPLIED FOR</u>
0066 Assistant City Attorney I	1
0918 Program Manager	1
0971 Caseworker II	1
0010 Office Assistant	<u>1</u>
Total 06-01-10	4