

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** Ratifying the submission of a \$175,000 grant application to the Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women for transitional housing

**DATE:** March 10, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance ratifies the submission of a \$175,000 grant application to the Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women (OVW) for a three-year program to assist women victims of violent crime in securing transitional and permanent housing.

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of San Antonio Police Department received a notice of funding availability for the Transitional Housing Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women on January 13, 2005. The deadlines contained in this package required submission of a letter by January 25, 2005, a preliminary online application submission on February 10, 2005, and the full grant application, with all accompanying documentation, by February 17, 2005. This \$175,000 grant will be for a three year period.

Currently the San Antonio Police Department Victims Advocacy Office (VAO) provides temporary housing assistance to victims of domestic violence. VAO has agreements with several local motel/hotels that will provide emergency shelter for VAO clients when they have available space. Emergency shelter is temporary and designed to provide the victim a safe place until more permanent arrangements can be made. Emergency shelter will be offered when there are no other options. Currently the maximum stay allowed is six days.

During the six-day period, Case Workers assist victims in order to secure more permanent housing as well as remove them and protect them from the environment they have fled. Due to the complexity of these services, the process can often take more than the maximum of six days.

Under the Transitional Housing Grant, stays at the hotel/motel facility will be extended for up to 30 days. During this period Case Workers will work with victims to secure a more permanent solution to their housing needs. These efforts will include working with affordable housing providers in an attempt to secure permanent housing for VAO clients.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

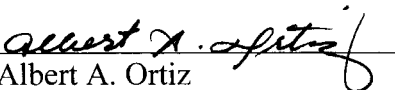
This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs. The program will enhance the City's efforts in addressing domestic violence and victims of domestic violence.

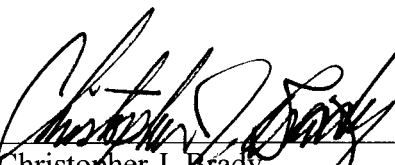
### **FISCAL IMPACT**

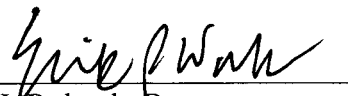
The Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women (OVW), will provide Grant funds over a three-year period totaling \$175,000. There is no cash or in-kind match required. This application obligates no funds. If the grant is awarded, acceptance will be contingent upon City Council approval.

### **COORDINATION**

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

  
Albert A. Ortiz  
Chief of Police

  
Christopher J. Brady  
Assistant City Manager

  
J. Rolando Bono  
Interim City Manager

**City of San Antonio**  
**ERM SAP Grant Internal Order Request Form**

Please check one:

This is a request to:

- ☒ **ADD**  
☐ **CHANGE**  
☐ **EXPIRE**

Business Area

1700 (Represents four digit department code e.g. 2600 Parks

Internal Order Name (maximum 20 characters)

DVTHA Grant

Functional Area (Service Effort) # (max 16 digits)

170009000002

Requesting Cost Center Number (10 digits)

1710530001

Responsible Cost Center Number (10 digits)

1706160001 (Links to the Fund Center and Fund impacted)

If Grant Award  
Grantor

Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women

Grant

Domestic Violence Transistional Housing Assistance

Grant Award #

Person Responsible (Optional) (maximum 20 characters)

Robert C. Looney

Date Required

3/3/2005

Justification or Reason Required (fully explain the purpose for this request and the intended use in as much detail as possible):

The Domestic Violence Transistional Housing Assistance Grant will fund a three year program to assist women victims of violent crime in securing transitional and permanent housing.

Requestor Information:

Name & Title

Robert C. Looney - Management Analyst

Phone Number

207-2054

Department

Police

Department Approval

Dennis Rosenberry

Date           

(Internal use Only)

Request Number           

Client ☐ 150 ☐ 350 ☐ 380  
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☐ 260 ☐ 370 ☐ Production

Person Responsible           

Creation Date for Production           

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