



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to provide consent to submit a grant applications to the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victim Assistance grant in a total amount \$673,541 for victim advocates. There is twenty percent (cash or in-kind) match of the total cost of the project or \$134,709. Match for this project is available through volunteered services, victim assistance activities, materials and equipment in the general fund, police support and uniformed services (10022123 and 10022122). Consent to submit an application provides the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to complete the grant process. Discussion and Action.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victim Assistance grant supports and promotes quality services for crime victims partnering with local agencies throughout Arizona that perform the essential work of victim assistance. The provision of rights and mandated services outlined in the Arizona’s Constitution and the Victims’ Rights Act provide the beginning of a foundation of important services to crime victims. There is approximately \$44 million available per federal fiscal year in Arizona and \$132 million total for the grant cycle. The award period for this application is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

Matching contributions of 20 percent are required for each VOCA project and must be derived from non-federal sources. All funds designated as match are restricted to the same uses as the VOCA assistance grant funds and must be expended within the grant period. In-kind match may include donations of volunteer professional services, materials and equipment, space and facilities and non-VOCA funded victim assistance activities.

With this project the Maricopa Police Department is requesting funding to continue the current Court Advocate and Crisis Advocate positions and add a Domestic Violence Response Advocate Position. Additional items within the application include memberships to victim service coalitions and associations, national training, and supplies for a three year period.

Advocate 1	231,122.72
Advocate 2	207,438.68
Advocate 3	207,438.68
Membership	3,000.00
Training	3,900.00
Travel	9,660.00
Supplies	10,980
Totals	673,540.09

If awarded the grant runs on the federal fiscal year from October 2017 through September 2020. When the grant ends the if eligible the Maricopa Police Department plans to apply for the grant again to fund the positions. Attached is a spreadsheet of the salaries for the next four years. The intention is not to have any future impact to the General fund. Employees who are hired are aware these are grant funded positions and dependant upon grant awards to continue the position.

The match will be provided through the volunteer time and response to assist victims of crime and through the items already budgeted annually in the general fund listed below:

Item	Unit Cost Quantity	Total	
Volunteers	19.65	600.00	11,790.00
Cell Phone Sarah	49.99	12.00	599.88
Cell Phone Mike	35.99	12.00	431.88
Cell Phone New Advocate	49.99	12.00	599.88
Printing VAP Brochures	1.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Regional Academy Costs			400.00
Community Programs Manager	41.79	645.00	26,954.55
Domesrtc Violence Awareness Month			500.00
Crime Victim Rights Week			500.00
Educational Resource Brochures-	1.25	600.00	750.00
Resource DV Pens	5.44	250.00	1,360.00
Trainings			200.00
Totals			45,086.19

In Fiscal Year 16-17 the Victim Assistance Program had 767 contacts with victims providing 4,110 services which include but are not limited to crisis intervention, on scene crisis response, transportation, referrals to services, notification of criminal justice events, information on victim rights, information on the criminal justice system, accompaniment to forensic exams and assisting with orders of protection.

This item will be presented by Steve Stahl, Police Chief and Mary Witkofski, Community Programs Manager.

Staff recommends the Mayor and City Council take action to provide consent to submit a grant applications to the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victim Assistance grant in a total amount \$673,541 for victim advocates. There is twenty percent (cash or in-kind) match of the total cost of the project or \$134,709. Match for this project is available through volunteered services, victim assistance activities, materials and equipment in the general fund, police support and uniformed services (10022123 and 10022122). Consent to submit an application provides the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to complete the grant process.