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April 1, 2011

TO:

Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT:

Application for Criminal Justice Division - Victim Services Grant

The Dallas Police Department is seeking to authorize an application for the ninth-year continuation of the Dallas Police Department Victim Services grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to provide sufficient services to reach all eligible crime victims, for the period of September 1, 2011 through August 30, 2012 - Not to exceed \$69,040 (local match in an amount not to exceed \$15,909 will be required if awarded) - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City for the application of the grant.

The Police Department is applying for funding from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a continuation grant, Dallas Police Department Victim Services/9, in the amount of \$53,131. This grant will provide ninth-year funding for the salaries, benefits, and training for one full-time victim advocate and two part-time victim advocates to provide crime victim compensation application assistance, follow-up, information and referral, crisis counseling, personal advocacy and court advocacy for victims/family survivors of homicides, sexual assaults, robbery, aggravated assaults, traffic fatalities or injuries due to Failure to Stop and Render Aid and Driving While Intoxicated. The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division specifically requires governing body approval for application for this grant. If this grant is approved and awarded, matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,909, or 20% of all expenses, will be required and incorporated into the 2011-12 budget. Should this grant be awarded to the City, approval by the City Council for the acceptance of the grant, provision of cash match, and execution of the grant agreement will be requested.

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First Assistant City Manager



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SUBJECT:

Application for Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Grant Funds

The Auto Theft Unit of the Dallas Police Department will submit a grant application to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) requesting a continuation of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad grant in the amount of \$630,175.00. If approved, the Dallas Police Department will be required to provide a Cash Match of \$130,074.00 and an In-Kind Match of \$520,665.00. The grant period will be from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012.

This will be the nineteenth year the Auto Theft Unit's Salvage Squad has applied and hopes to receive these funds. The grant application must be submitted to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority by May 6, 2011. The awarding of approximately the listed funds will be determined and announced at a statewide competitive Grant Review hearing in Dallas, Texas on June 14 or 15, 2011. With the current state budget, it is unknown at this time how much in funds will be available if any at all, but the application process will continue until the state budget has been determined in the event these funds will become available as in the past years.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to apply for these funds. If the Council supports this proposal, the Auto Theft Unit is prepared to submit the grant application and attend the grant review process in June 2011.

This item has been placed on the agenda for the April 27, 2011, City Council meeting.

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SUBJECT:

Local Agreement with the Collin County Criminal District Attorney for Equitable Sharing of Asset Seizures and Forfeitures under Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures

The Dallas Police Department and the Collin County District Attorney are seeking approval from the Public Safety Committee to place the proposed agreement on the agenda for City Council action. This Agreement is for the equitable sharing of assets seized and forfeited pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

The provisions of this new proposed agreement are as follows:

- In forfeiture cases filed involving currency, the Dallas Police Department will receive 80% and the Collin County District Attorney will receive 20% of the awarded money upon final judgment;
- In forfeiture cases filed involving personal property, the Dallas Police Department will receive 80% and the Collin County District Attorney will receive 20% of the awarded money upon final judgment;
- Securities, negotiable instruments, and stocks forfeited to the state shall be converted into United States currency and distributed in the same manner.
- In forfeiture cases involving motor vehicles to be used for law enforcement purposes, the Dallas Police Department will pay a fee of \$500.00 to the Collin County District Attorney upon final judgment for vehicles valued more than \$2,500 and less than \$25,000 and will pay a fee of \$1,000 for vehicles valued at or above a value of \$25,000. The seizing agency would then be free to dispose of or use the property for law enforcement purposes.
- Proceeds from the sale of real property will be distributed between the parties in the same
 manner as currency is distributed. The seizing agency will be responsible for all costs
 incurred prior to the judgment becoming final and all costs incurred will be reimbursed out
 of the proceeds of the sale, prior to the parties receiving their respective percentages.

The court costs and litigation expenses will be paid from the forfeited currency prior to taking out either party's percentage.

The terms of this Local Agreement will be for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution of this agreement. This agreement will automatically be renewed on a yearly basis after the initial one (1) year term. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior notice.

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Dallas Police Department Click-It or Ticket Grant

The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department was the recipient of the Comprehensive STEP Grant for the current fiscal year from the Texas Department of Transportation. As a grant recipient, the Police Department is eligible for "wave" grants that are effective for particular times of the year and specific enforcement objectives. The "wave" grants are part of the national traffic safety plan, and usually follow a public service campaign targeting a specific topic.

The Police Department has just been notified that it is eligible for the "Click-It or Ticket" Overtime Enforcement grant in the amount of \$39,978. The City would be required to contribute pension and FICA costs of \$11,314. The funds are to provide for the reimbursement of overtime salaries for police officers/senior corporals utilized to enforce seatbelt and child safety seat laws during the national campaign May 23, 2011 through June 5, 2011. The Police Department will enforce seat belt laws in areas throughout the City of Dallas. The non-use of seatbelts was a contributing factor in over 50% of traffic fatalities over the past two years in Dallas, and Dallas County is in the top five Texas counties that account for 26% of unbuckled teen fatalities over the 2001-2006 period.

The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department has utilized grant funding for safety initiatives for many years. Traffic fatalities in 2011 are even with fatalities from 2010 (22). The goal of the section is a 2% reduction in traffic accident fatalities for the year.

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