

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

Memorandum



DATE: October 5, 2012

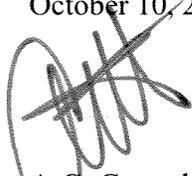
TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Dallas Police Victim Services Grant from the Criminal Justice Division

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division has awarded \$48,072 for the Dallas Police Department Victim Services Grant Number 1578112 for the period of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. The grant requires the City of Dallas to provide a cash match of \$16,024. The total grant awarded to City of Dallas \$64,096.

This grant will provide eleventh-year funding for the salaries, benefits, and training for one full-time victim advocate and one part-time victim advocate 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 acceptance of this grant.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the Victim Service Grant for Criminal Justice. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda October 10, 2012.



A.C. Gonzalez
First Assistant City Manager

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the City of Dallas NIBIN Program Grant

The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor has awarded \$ 48,000 for the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. The grant provides for partial salary for performance of NIBIN duties.

The Dallas Police Department has received grant funding under the City of Dallas NIBIN Program Award for the continuation of the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program. The program is administrated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for federal, state and local law enforcement agency partners. The NIBIN program allows forensically trained personnel to enter digital images of the markings made on recovered spent cartridge casings and from test fired weapons, providing a link to criminal offenses. The images are correlated and searched in local, regional and national databases; potential matches are confirmed by a forensic specialist and the intelligence is provided to detectives in a timely manner.

The Dallas Police Department implemented the NIBIN program through grant funding in February 2004 as part of the Project Safe Neighborhood Program. To date, the Dallas Police Department's NIBIN Team has acquisitioned about 24,000 casing images and made 566 case identifications. This grant continues the funding of a certified police officer's salary for the 3rd year of the grant.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the City of Dallas NIBIN Program Grant from the Office of the Governor. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on October 10, 2012.



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First Assistant City Manager

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DATE: October 5, 2012

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the City of Dallas Crime Reduction Program Grant

The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor has awarded \$ 45,153.00 for the Crime Reduction Program for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013.

The Dallas Police Department has found that an increasing number of people no longer view the safety of their neighborhoods as the sole responsibility of the police. Through coordinated efforts and research they have found that crime reduction within any high- risk area requires a coordinated approach that includes building a relationship between the police and the community. The City of Dallas experienced a spike in crime that began in the mid 1980's and continued through 2003. By 2003 the City of Dallas was listed as 8th among all large cities, for crimes committed. The City's response was the implementation of the 10-70-20 Crime Reduction Program. The Program was so-named on the bases that in any given community 10% of those residents are intolerant of crime and want to be involved in abatement; 70% are tolerant of crime and choose to remain uninvolved; and the remaining 20% make up the actual criminal element. The programs primary goal is to reduce crime by 20% through a formula of reducing violent crimes by 10% and reducing property crimes by 5%.

The Dallas Police Department has been implementing the 10-70-20 Crime Reduction Program in selected high crime areas since 2002. Crime Statistics gathered by the Dallas Police Department's Community Affairs Section illustrates that the information gathered through the 10-70-20 Crime Reduction Program is having a positive impact on the crime rate and the overall quality of life of citizens in high crime communities.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the City of Dallas Crime Reduction Program Grant from the Office of the Governor. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on October 10, 2012.


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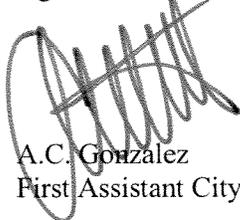
SUBJECT: Training Grant for Sexual Assault & Stalking Criminal Investigations
Grant Period September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013

The Crimes Against Persons Division has been awarded \$26,500 from the Office of the Governor for Training for Sexual Assault and Stalking Investigations. This grant requires the City of Dallas to provide a cash match of \$14,500. The total amount awarded \$41,000.

The Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA), provides federal funding for a variety of projects that positively impact the nation's female population in regards to violent criminal acts being committed against them. VAWA's goals are to reduce the number of violent acts being committed against females and to better serve them when they are victims. VAWA recognizes that a trained police force would provide a better service to female victims of crime. Therefore, one of their major priorities is to provide training funds to law enforcement personnel.

It is anticipated that approximately 100 police personnel will receive training from these funds. The Crimes Against Persons Division's Sexual Assault Squad has the responsibility to investigate Sexual Assault and Stalking offenses. The Squad investigates approximately 500 offenses per year. Police personnel assigned the responsibility to respond to these types of crimes, investigate these crimes, process these crime scenes for evidence, and to assist the victims regarding their post incident needs must be continually trained. Personnel will attend training on the latest techniques of sexual assault and stalking investigations, methods of assisting victims from the offense date through prosecution and the latest forensic technology/evidence identification and recovery techniques. Also, first responders, (patrol officers) need to be aware of the proper techniques on how to relate to the victims of sexual assault and stalking crimes and be aware of the best practices of protecting the crime scene. This acquired knowledge will prevent the victims from being re-victimized and enable the recovery of valuable forensic evidence.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the Sexual Assault & Stalking Criminal Investigations Grant. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda October 10, 2012.



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