

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 24, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a calendar year (CY) 2024 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Grant 2024-VAWA-27 from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to provide services to victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$234,108.69.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Acceptance of a calendar year (CY) 2024 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Grant 2024-VAWA-27 from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to provide services to victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$234,108.69.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	.01%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council has approved several VAWA STOP grant awards from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General. Most recently, it approved STOP grant awards supporting the Victim Services

Unit at the August 11, 2021, Council meeting (Item B.3) and July 20, 2022, Council meeting (Item B.14).

Discussion:

Domestic violence is often the number one reported violent crime in the City of Reno. In 2022, 3,177 domestic-related crimes were reported to the Reno Police Department (RPD), and RPD Victim Services Unit advocates provided advocacy to 1,200 victims of domestic violence. This grant will fund two full-time victim advocates to address this pervasive crime. These positions will provide direct services to victims of domestic violence and assist with training other personnel. Issuance of the award was delayed by the Attorney General's Office. RPD received the award on March 13, 2024. The grant term will run from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Financial Implications:

These funds require a match of the total project cost. In this case, the required match is \$78,036.23. This match will be met by employee and volunteer time spent supporting the grant project, and partial costs of the grant-funded employee benefits.

Legal Implications:

The City, by accepting these grant funds, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application, provide information for evaluation to the granting organization, and provide progress and financial reports on program activities. These reports will be completed by police personnel. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding. Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends acceptance of a calendar year (CY) 2024 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Grant 2024-VAWA-27 from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to provide services to victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$234,108.69, and authorize the Chief of Police, City Manager, and/or Mayor or their designees to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

CY 24 VAWA STOP AWARD