

STAFF REPORT

Date: July 31, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds for fiscal year 24/25 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (Grant # 16575-23-031) supporting the Reno Police Department (RPD) Victim Services Unit (VSU) in the amount of \$105,123.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

This item is for the acceptance of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds for fiscal year 24/25 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (Grant # 16575-23-031) supporting the Reno Police Department (RPD) Victim Services Unit (VSU) in the amount of \$105,123.

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 previous VOCA grant awards. Most recently it has approved funds for

VOCA awards at the August 11, 2021, Council meeting (Item B.4); the July 20, 2022, Council meeting (Item B.14); and the July 19, 2023, Council meeting (Item B.12).

Discussion:

The RPD VSU serves victims of crime, treating them with respect and dignity while responding to their needs and concerns. VSU typically responds to various crimes including, but not limited to, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, robbery/homicide, human trafficking, driving under the influence (DUI), and elder crimes. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services has supported the work of VSU for many years. This award will be used to support the salary for a victim advocate and instrumental support for victims of crime. The award period for this grant is from July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025.

Financial Implications:

This grant award requires a match of \$26,280.75. This match will be met through fringe benefit costs for the grant-funded victim advocate position.

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 Council accept the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds for fiscal year 24/25 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (Grant # 16575-23-031) supporting the Reno Police Department Victim Services Unit in the amount of \$105,123 and authorize the Chief of Police, City Manager, and/or Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

FY 25 VOCA Notice of Subaward