



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 19-304

**MEETING DATE:** 3/18/2019

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Robert Handy, Chief of Police

**Subject:**

**Approve Cal OES Violence Against Women Act Grant (LE 18026860) for the 2019 calendar year**

**Statement of Issue:**

The Police Department applied for a grant through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to fund our Violence against Women Program. The Police Department was notified of its award of \$203,143. City Council approval is necessary to fully accept the grant from the State and appropriate the funds. The grant has a three-year funding cycle, with the second year being January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019. A subsequent RCA will be submitted for year three once the funding amount is known.

**Financial Impact:**

A City match amount of \$67,714 is required and has been included in the Police Department's budget under the General Fund, Account Number 10070203. The total project cost for the 2019 calendar year is \$270,857 with the grant award offsetting \$203,143 in costs. A new appropriation of \$203,143 is requested to fully expend the grant.

**Recommended Action:**

- A) Accept the grant between the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the City of Huntington Beach; and,
- B) Approve an appropriation of \$203,143, which is to be fully reimbursed by the grant from Cal OES; and,
- C) Increase the Professional Services authority list to include domestic violence services.

**Alternative Action(s):**

Do not approve and direct staff accordingly.

**Analysis:**

The Police Department applied for and was awarded a grant by Cal OES to combat, investigate and prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases. This is the second year of a three-year grant cycle. The second-year grant funding is \$270,857, which includes the \$67,714 match. The

majority of the grant will pay for the services of two Victim Advocates. The Victim Advocates are contracted through the Waymakers Victim Assistance Program and Interval House. The remaining funds will pay for two part-time domestic violence investigators.

This collaboration has been in effect since 1998. Since the inception of the Violence against Women Project, the Advocates have been continuously funded through a series of grants. The goal of the program is to help heal families and stop the cycle of violence.

Without this grant, the Police Department would not be able to offer the services of Victim Advocates to victims of domestic violence. The Advocates work closely with a Police Department investigator to form a cohesive team to assist victims.

The acceptance of the grant will pay for the collaboration involving the Police Department through December 31, 2019. The cash match of \$67,714 is located within the existing Police Department General Fund budget. In addition, the agreement with Interval House offers priority shelter for domestic violence victims and their children from Huntington Beach on a 24-hour basis. The two part-time investigators assist a full-time detective, allowing the Police Department to investigate domestic violence incidents in a timely manner, resulting in improved services to victims.

**Environmental Status:**

Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Enhance and maintain public safety

**Attachment(s):**

1. Cal OES Grant award letter and packet.