

STAFF REPORT

Date: November 8, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: **B.5. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) supplemental grant funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 17/18 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services supporting the Reno Police Department Victim Services Unit (VSU) in the amount of \$136,625.**

From: Jason Soto, Police Chief

Summary: Staff recommends Council acceptance of Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) supplemental grant funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 17/18 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services supporting the Reno Police Department Victim Services Unit (VSU) in the amount of \$136,625 and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the necessary documents.

Previous Council Action: Council approved the previous three year VOCA grant award at the June 17, 2015 Council meeting – Item E.2.

Discussion: The Reno Police Department (RPD) VSU provides services to victims of crime, traumatic events, and major regional incidents. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services continues to recognize their excellence in service and value to the community as well as the efforts and accomplishments with a continuation and increase of grant funding. These funds will be used to enhance the case management system for the victim advocates, training, program evaluation and specialized photography system.

Financial Implications: The VOCA grant requires an annual match of 25 percent and for this grant it is \$34,156. Staff time will be used to meet this match. The average hourly salary is \$30.81 so approximately 1108 staff hours will be used spread over one supervisor position, three advocate positions and one support staff 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, which 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 acceptance of Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) supplemental grant funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 17/18 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services supporting the Reno Police Department Victim Services Unit (VSU) in the amount of \$136,625 and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- VOCA RFP Notification- RPD supplemental (PDF)