


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-541	Meeting:	December 4, 2023
	Agenda Item:	19	Roll Call:	23-1693
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to accept the 2024 Violence Against Women grant award from the Iowa Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victim Assistance Division.

SYNOPSIS:

The funding supplied by this grant award will be used to strengthen law enforcement's response to women who are victims of sexual assault, domestic abuse, dating violence, and stalking. Two (2) senior police officers, working an average of 10 hours a week, will direct their enforcement efforts towards the location and apprehension of suspects in cases specific to violence against women while completing compliancy checks on individuals on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry. The officers will work to ensure recent offenders are added and are abiding by the laws of location and contact.

The grant period of performance is October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The grant award is made on an annual basis after reviews are completed to ensure funding levels have not changed. The award supplies \$21,446 each year over the three (3)-year performance period with a required minimum match of \$7,149 each of the three (3) years. The match will be achieved by hours already being worked by the Investigations Division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$21,446 annual grant award
\$ 7,149 annual match

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Adopted Budget, Page 214 – Special Revenues

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Police Department was first awarded grant funding through the Victims Services Support Program in 2016. The award allowed the department to establish a new initiative using overtime hours to further investigations on cases where violence against women was prevalent. The initiative also included following up on persons on the Sex Offender Registry to ensure they followed state laws regarding location, no contact and harassment. The initiative resulted in more than 146 warrants and 48 arrests per year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 3, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1530](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of the Violence Against Women Grant Award through Iowa Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General, Crime Victim Assistance Division, \$21,446. ([Council Communication No. 22-453](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Pass: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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