



TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

DATE: July 18, 2008

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,694 TO BE USED TO PARTIALLY FUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY VIOLENCE-VICTIM ADVOCATE POSITION

Report in Brief

The Concord Police Department will be submitting an application in July 2008 for a \$16,694 grant to the Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The grant partially offsets the loss of other grant funding sources that have been removed in the Federal budget. Staff recommends appropriation of the grant to fund the Family Violence-Victim Advocate position. The balance of funding for the program is drawn from the General Fund.

Background

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program will allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG replaces the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs with a single funding mechanism that will simplify the administration process for grantees and provides agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place funds where they are needed most.

Discussion

The Police Department proposes to use these funds to continue to support the Domestic Violence program, and recommends appropriating \$16,694 to continue funding the full-time Family Violence-Victim Advocate position. The total cost of the Family Violence-Victim Advocate position is estimated at \$97,368 per year.

The Family Violence-Victim Advocate assists police detectives in assembling the criminal file for prosecution. This program is designed to be a proactive, assertive Domestic Violence Program that stresses the arrest and prosecution of all offenders and has proven to be very successful. It also provides assistance, referrals and support to the victims of domestic violence in an effort to break the cycle of domestic violence. The Family Violence-Victim Advocate provides similar services to the victims of other types of violence, such as sexual assault and child molest/abuse. The Family Violence-Victim Advocate also works with the

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victims of domestic/family violence and assists them with regard to their individual needs. The department proposes to use \$16,694 to fund (17% FTE) of the full-time Family Violence-Victim Advocate.

Fiscal Impact

There are no costs to the City for implementation of this grant, though the grant entails certain federal reporting requirements.

Public Contact

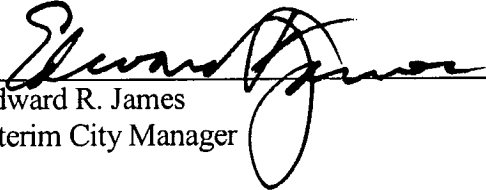
Posting of the Council Agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Authorize and appropriate the acceptance of the Federal Justice Assistance Grant funds in the amount of \$16,694 to be used to partially fund the Family Violence-Victim Advocate position.

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