



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Mariano Augello, Chief of Police

DATE: November 21, 2024

RE: Consideration of an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (\$56,910).

SUMMARY:

On April 4, 2024, City Council authorized the Palm Bay Police Department to submit an application for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. The purpose of the VOCA grant is to support the availability of services to victims of crimes through a reimbursement program. Services are defined as those efforts that respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, assist victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization, assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. Eligibility to apply for VOCA funds is limited to victim assistance programs administered by state or local government agencies or not-for-profit corporations registered in Florida. Extending its over 20-year relationship with the grant program, the City of Palm Bay has once again been awarded VOCA funding for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$56,910. Under Grant No. VOCA-C-2023-City of Palm Bay Police Department-00111, the Palm Bay Police Department will be receiving \$56,910 to cover salary, taxes, and retirement costs for one (1) Victim Advocate and one (1) Senior Victim Advocate. The funding cycle for this VOCA grant funding is October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is a potential revenue of up to \$56,910 in General Fund Account #001-0000-331-2005 for partial reimbursement of annually budgeted salaries (001-5025-521-1210), taxes (001-5025-521-2110), retirement (010-5025-521-2210).

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute the Victims of Crime Act grant agreement, Grant No. VOCA-C-2023-City of Palm Bay Police Department-00111, for 2024-2025 grant program year

ATTACHMENTS:

1. VOCA-C-2023-City of Palm Bay Police Departme-00111