



# VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FOR FY 2023

RS-23-005

January 3, 2023

# Background

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- ❑ The Victim Assistance Office of the Police Department has been awarded a one-year grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the continuation of the Crisis Assistance Program.
- ❑ This grant will provide funding for continued professional counseling services, emergency financial assistance, and temporary shelter services for safety to victims of violent crimes.
- ❑ The grant also funds salary and benefits for a Police Clerk who supports the department's Crime Victim's Liaison.

# Financial

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- The total grant awarded to the City of Killeen is \$98,061.02.
- There is no requirement for the City of Killeen to provide matching funds.

# Alternatives

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- ❑ Decline the grant and discontinue the counseling services to the victims of crime.
- ❑ Accept the grant to continue and enhance the current Crisis Assistance Program already in place that provides counseling services to victims of crime and provides training to staff and volunteers.

# Summary

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- Staff recommends accepting the 2023 VOCA grant in order to allow the Killeen Police Department Crisis Assistance Program to continue to provide resources to the citizens and visitors of Killeen who are victims of violent crime.