



# VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT

RS-19-064

July 2, 2019

# Victim Assistance Grant

- ❑ The Police Department applied for and has been offered a two-year Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to continue and enhance the current Crisis Assistance Program.
- ❑ This grant will provide funding for continued professional counseling services to victims of violent crimes; emergency financial assistance for transportation, temporary shelter services, medical prescription payments, and emergency safety related home repairs.
- ❑ Funding from this award will also provide for a clerk position for Victim Assistance for two years. The grant covers salary, benefits, training and office supply expenses for this position. The clerk applicant will be notified in writing that this is a grant funded position.

# Funding

- The total grant awarded to the City of Killeen is \$104,382
- The required City match is \$26,096
  - ▣ Match will be covered by volunteer hours and the Crime Victim Liaison's salary (in-kind contributions)
- There is no expense to the City of Killeen
- This grant is fully funded for two years

# Alternatives

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- Decline the grant offer and discontinue the current Crisis Assistance Program (counseling)
- Accept the VOCA grant offer to continue and enhance the Crisis Assistance Program

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division's 2021 VOCA Grant award for the Killeen Crisis Assistance Program.