



VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

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Background

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- The Victim Assistance Office of the Police Department has initiated the application for a one-year grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the continuation of the Crisis Assistance Program. The application number is 3597608.
- This grant will provide funding for the Crime Victims Clerk, continued professional counseling services, emergency financial assistance, and temporary shelter services for safety to victims of violent crimes.

Funding

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- The total award amount and cash match are unknown currently. The Office of the Governor has changed the process by which grants are applied for. The application must have a fully executed resolution from the governing body at the time of grant application submission, with a commitment to provide a cash match. The Police Department will be requesting an estimated \$100,000 in funding for this grant.
- In grant years past the matching funds have been budgeted as part of the Crime Victim Liaison's salary.

Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or the Executive Director of Finance to submit the 2027 VOCA grant application (No. 3597608) for the Killeen Crisis Assistance Program, and to modify or cancel the application as necessary.
- Additionally, staff recommends authorizing the City Manager or Executive Director of Finance to commit the required matching funds in the form of cash match contributions. This recommendation also includes allowing the Killeen Police Department to allocate and administer the duties outlined in the grant, under the oversight of the City's Finance Department. In the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the City agrees to promptly return all funds to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.