VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FOR FY 2024

Background

- 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.

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□ The total grant awarded to the City of Killeen is \$95,076.44.

There is no requirement for the City of Killeen to provide matching funds. 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.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council grant authorization to either the City Manager or the Executive Director of Finance to accept the 2023 VOCA grant award for the Killeen Crisis Assistance Program. This includes empowering the City Manager or Executive Director of Finance to sign the application, reject, modify, or terminate the grant. Additionally, they are authorized to commit to the required matching funds in the form of in-kind contributions. The recommendation also includes permitting the Killeen Police Department to allocate and administer the duties outlined in the grant, all 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.