



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
August 1, 2023

TOPIC: FY 2022 Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Grant Funds

AGENDA TITLE

Appropriation Adjustment and Memorandum of Understanding Accepting Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve an appropriation adjustment recognizing \$210,000 in grant revenue from the U.S. Department of Justice Grants and appropriate same to the Office on Violence Against Women Improving Criminal Justice Response expenditure account (*Requires five affirmative votes*).
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Human Options, Inc. accepting the FY 2022 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant in the amount of \$210,000, for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

DISCUSSION

The United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women solicited grant applications for the FY 2022 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking grant program, which implements certain provisions of the Federal Violence Against Women Act. The program enhances victim safety and offender accountability in cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by encouraging jurisdictions to implement pro-arrest policies as an effective intervention that is part of a coordinated community response. An integral component of the Improving Criminal Justice Responses program is the creation and enhancement of collaborative partnerships between criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, and community organizations which respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

In April 2022, Human Options, in collaboration with the Santa Ana Police Department,

submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and was later awarded \$500,000 for the period performance of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025. Human Options is the lead agency for this program and the Santa Ana Police Department is the criminal justice agency partner that will investigate domestic violence cases. The Santa Ana Police Department was awarded \$210,000 for its partnership efforts.

In partnership with Human Options, the Santa Ana Police Department will use this award to assist with the implementation of the Collaborative's project, specifically, by providing funds for police officer overtime and training. Special Crimes/Domestic Violence detectives, investigators, and police officers from the Santa Ana Police Department will investigate domestic violence cases, update cases in the Police Department's Report Management System, and assist with the mobile domestic violence response team comprised of a Human Options domestic violence advocate and a Santa Ana Special Crimes detective or police officer.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the appropriation adjustment will recognize \$210,000 in the Department of Justice Grants revenue account (no. 12714002-52001) and appropriate same to the Office on Violence Against Women Improving Criminal Justice Response expenditure accounts for projected expenditures as follows:

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit – Account No.	Fund Description	Accounting Unit – Account No. Description	Amount
FY 22-23	12714406-61040	Department of Justice Grants	OVW-Improving Criminal Justice Response, Overtime	\$ 20,000
FY 23-24	12714406-Various	Department of Justice Grants	OVW-Improving Criminal Justice Response, Various	\$ 95,000
FY 24-25	12714406-Various	Department of Justice Grants	OVW-Improving Criminal Justice Response, Various	\$ 85,500
FY 25-26	12714406-61040	Department of Justice Grants	OVW-Improving Criminal Justice Response, Overtime	\$ 9,500
Total				\$210,000

The amount shown above for FY 2022-23 represents an estimated total of overtime costs spent by the Police Department on domestic violence cases during the first nine months of the grant performance period. Any remaining balances not expended at the end of each fiscal year will be presented to City Council for approval of carryovers to the subsequent fiscal year.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. MOU with Human Options

Submitted By: David Valentin, Police Chief

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager