



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/24/2023

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Item Creation Date: 9/29/2023

MYR - Council Approval to Accept Grant Funds Issued by the OOG for Direct Services to Victims of Human Trafficking

Agenda Item#: 17.

Background:

In 2022 Council approved an ordinance which provided one year of continuation funding for 3 anti-human trafficking case managers to leverage the Mayor's Office of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence's systems-level approach in meeting the need for comprehensive, victim-centered services including emergency shelter, intensive case management services, and referrals for healthcare and legal services.

Since our direct services program's inception in 2017 we served over 600 confirmed and potential victims of human trafficking. Because of our unique bridge to the shelter system, over 110 victims also achieved longer-term housing. Victims served were diverse across gender, race, and age lines, and many had intersecting vulnerabilities, such as having experienced domestic violence and/or homelessness. Because of our program, case managers were able to rehabilitate victims by providing advocacy and accompaniment, offering emotional support and safety services such as crisis intervention, connecting victims with shelter and housing services, and making medical and mental healthcare referrals.

Council is now asked to approve an Ordinance authorizing a grant application for \$207,409.45 to the Office of the Governor of Texas for the General Victim Assistance - Direct Services Program by the City of Houston Mayor's Office to fund the program for the grant period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The application does require, and this ordinance authorizes, the allocation of \$51,852.37 as the City's cash match contribution.

Fiscal Note:

- Funding for this item is included in the FY24 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.
- Funding for this item will be included in the FY25 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.
- No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

Estimated Spending Authority

Department	Current FY	Out Year	Total
Mayor's Office	\$155,557.09	\$51,852.36	\$207,409.45
General Government	\$38,889.28	\$12,963.09	\$51,852.37
Total	\$194,446.37	\$64,815.45	\$259,261.82

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Director, Mayor's Office of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance 2022-972 - December 14, 2022
 Ordinance 2021-824 - September 22, 2021
 Ordinance 2020-933 - October 28, 2020
 Ordinance 2018-938 - November 28, 2018
 Resolution 2017-0031 - December 12, 2017

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$207,409.45 Grant Fund (5030) FED/LOCAL/STATE/STATE PASS
 \$51,852.37 General Fund (1000)
 \$259,261.82 Total

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Description

[Certification of Funds](#)
[Statement of Grant Award](#)
[Awarded Grant Application](#)

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