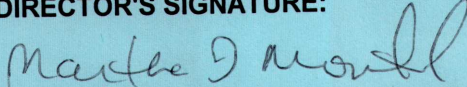
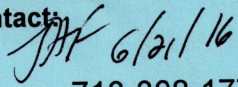


TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: FY 2016 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Grant	Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: (Department or other point of origin): Houston Police Department	Origination Date June 21, 2016		Agenda Date
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:  Martha I. Montalvo, Acting Chief of Police	Council Districts affected: All		
For additional information contact: Joseph A. Fenninger, CFO and Deputy Director  6/21/16 713-308-1770	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council Action:		

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)
The Houston Police Department recommends City Council approve an ordinance authorizing application for and acceptance of grant funds through the U.S. Department of Justice to fund the FY 2016 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking program.

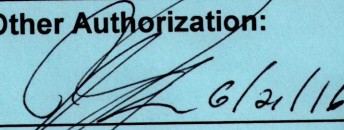
Amount of Funding: DOJ Grant: (Fund 5000) \$ 751,565 Cash Match: \$ - In-Kind Match: \$ 255,000 Total Project \$1,006,565	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING: [X] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund [] Other (Specify)
\$751,565: Federal Government – Grant Funds (Fund 5000)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:
The Acting Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department recommends City Council approve the application for and acceptance of the FY2016 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The amount of the grant is \$751,565 with an in-kind contribution of \$255,000; there is no cash match required from the City. The grant period is October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019.

This DOJ grant will provide funding to establish an HPD led multi-disciplinary Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) consisting of federal, state, and local law enforcement and a victim service provider, YMCA International of Greater Houston. The implementation of the HTTF will act as a force multiplier to increase the identification of all forms of sex and labor trafficking victims by providing a collaborative proactive investigative response to apprehend and prosecute perpetrators at both the state and federal levels. Once identified and recovered, YMCA International of Greater Houston will provide victims with a comprehensive array of social services.

Specifically, the funds will support the HTTF by: 1) adding law enforcement agencies and state prosecutors from outlying counties within the Houston metro area; 2) improve strategies to investigate and prosecute sex and labor trafficking cases, 3) adding a specialized officer to address gang-related incidents of human trafficking; 4) utilizing data-driven decision making; 5) conducting coordinated training and public awareness activities; and 6) provide a comprehensive service delivery response to all newly identified trafficking victims.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION		
Finance Budget:	Other Authorization:  6/21/16	Other Authorization: