



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

Item Creation Date:

HPD FY2019 The Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance of the Southern District of Texas

Agenda Item#:

Background:

The Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department (HPD) recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funds through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for the FY19 Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance of the Southern District of Texas Grant. The grant period becomes effective October 1, 2019, and ends on September 30, 2022, for a total of 36 months. DOJ will provide \$900,000 in grant funding. DOJ is requiring a 25% cash or in-kind match of \$300,000.

The purpose of the FY19 Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance of the Southern District of Texas Grant is to expand their collaborative law enforcement partnerships in the GHA by - 1) hiring a task force coordinator; 2) funding law enforcement investigators and prosecutors in Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers and Liberty counties; 3) adding full time investigators from Fort Bend County law enforcement agencies, as well as the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; 4) adding a full-time investigator from the Department of Family and Protective Services; 5) recruiting and training specialized decoy officers; 6) adding a part-time research partner and a full-time analyst; 7) adding a full-time specialized HT analyst; 8) expanding the TF co-location; and 9) enhancing current peer-to-peer mentoring resources.

The Houston Police Department also requests City Council to authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to act as the City's representative in the application process with the authority to apply for, accept and expend the grant funds as awarded, and apply for, accept and expend all subsequent awards, if any, to extend the budget period, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all related agreements with the approval of the City Attorney in connection with the grant not to exceed five years.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

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Art Acevedo
Chief of Police

Amount of Funding:

\$900,000 Federal Fund (Fund 5000)

\$300,000 General Fund (Fund 1000) - In-kind Match

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