



Legislation Text

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Domestic Violence Grant Application (NB)

This item requests City Commission authorization for the Gainesville Police Department to pursue a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women to fund a domestic violence project.

In 2007 the City of Gainesville was awarded a domestic violence grant from the Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women, which provided two years of funding for the project. The Gainesville Police Department has continued to work with partner agencies to impact the number and affect of domestic violence incidents within our community. The Office on Violence Against Women has announced a new grant cycle for projects aimed at improving the coordinated community response to this serious nationwide problem. The City of Gainesville is eligible to seek funding under this program. The grant program is designed to fund cooperative projects such as the project the Gainesville Police Department implemented in 2007, partnering with the State Attorney's Office, Alachua County Office of Victim Services, Peaceful Paths, and the Black on Black Crime Task Force. The Police Department will utilize funds from the grant to: fund personnel dedicated to domestic violence crimes; increase public awareness; provide prevention education to the community; continue to improve training of criminal justice personnel; provide assistance to domestic violence victims during the criminal investigation and prosecution; improve coordinated reporting and response time with the judicial system; and provide education and assistance to domestic violence victims in their recovery.

The application is due to the Office on Violence Against Women by February 23, 2011.

The solicitation allows for funding requests for a 24-month period of up to \$400,000, which is based on the population of the City of Gainesville. Grant funds awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women do not require any local matching funds.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to: 1) apply to the Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women for the grant in an amount up to \$400,000; and if awarded 2) execute any other necessary documents, pending review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

The City Commission decline the request to pursue funding from the Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women.