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Domestic Violence Grant Application (NB)

This is a request for City Commission approval for the Gainesville Police Department to accept a continuation grant awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In 2015 the City of Gainesville was awarded a “domestic violence grant” from the U.S Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), which provided three years of funding for the project.

Through the grant, the Gainesville Police Department has continued to work with partner agencies to impact the number and effect of domestic violence incidents within our community and to provide both short and long term support to victims of intimate partner and sexual violence as well as community awareness through outreach programs.

On January 4th, 2018 the Office on Violence against Women (OVW) released a solicitation for the “OVW Fiscal Year 2018 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Grant Program”. The City of Gainesville was eligible to request a continuation of funding for the already awarded grant program. The grant program is designed to support cooperative projects such as the project the Gainesville Police Department implemented in 2015, 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 provide victims with the advocacy, support and long term recovery services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities’ capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The continuation grant application was submitted on February 22nd, 2018 and notification of the award was received on August 30th, 2018.

The grant allows for funding requests to be continued for a 36-month period up to the awarded amount of \$433,797.00. The grant does not require any local matching funds. Acceptance of the funds has no significant impact to the Gainesville Police Department’s budget. The grant continuation period is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to: 1) accept the grant and; 2) execute any other necessary documents, pending review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.