



AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING June 26, 2007

APPROVED BY

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

June 26, 2007

FROM: JERRY P. DYER, Chief of Police
Police Department

BY: MICHAEL CLARK, Sergeant
Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND REQUIRED PROGRAM DOCUMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE 1st AMENDMENT TO THE MOU WITH THE MARJOREE MASON CENTER FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIZED UNITS PROGRAM, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 2007 GRANT PROJECT EXTENSION

KEY RESULT AREA

Public Safety

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Chief of Police to enter into and execute the agreement and required program documents with the Office of Emergency Services, and the 1st amendment to the MOU with the Marjoree Mason Center for the Law Enforcement Specialized Units/Violence Against Women grant program extension.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of California, Office of Emergency Services (OES), administers the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program. Council approval is being sought to accept a grant award from OES for the Violence Against Women (VAW) grant. This grant has been extended for a six-month period from June 30, 2007, through December 31, 2007. The grant award funds three full-time victim advocates. The local match requirement of 25 percent will be paid through the salary of the existing police officer, acting as the lead investigator for this program. Council authorization is needed to accept the grant award and enter into and execute necessary agreements and required program documents.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

The Violence Against Women grant program balances the three key objectives of prudent Financial Management, Employee Satisfaction, and Customer Satisfaction by bringing in grant funding to provide women who are victims of violent crimes with a resource for support, help and/or referral services.

BACKGROUND

The Fresno Police Department has received grant funds to support the Violence Against Women advocacy program since 1998. The Office of Criminal Justice and Planning originally administered this grant program, which is now under the administration of the Office of Emergency Services.

The goal of this program is to focus special effort on the handling of violent crimes against women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. One Fresno Police Department Domestic Violence Investigator, and three full-time victim advocates, from the Marjoree Mason Center, work together as a team to provide services for victims. The follow up contact, by the investigator or an advocate, provides the victim with a resource for support, help and/or referral. Other agencies assist in the prosecution, monitoring, and treatment of batterers. These agencies include the District Attorney's Office, the courts, probation, counseling programs, shelters, health and children's programs.

The grant extension period will be for six months, beginning June 30, 2007. The VAW grant is a reimbursable grant with reimbursements received after submission of quarterly claim reports.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The required matching funds will be provided by an existing officer's salary.

Attachment: MMC Memorandum of Understanding
06/12/07

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("Amendment") made and entered into as of this ____ day of June, 2007, amends the agreement heretofore entered into between the CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Agency," and the MARJAREE MASON CENTER, INC., a California nonprofit corporation in good standing, hereinafter referred to as "MMC."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Agency submitted an application to the California Office of Emergency Services ("OES") Planning for \$95,701 in grant funds through the 2006 Grant Funding Cycle-Law Enforcement Specialized Units, Violence Against Women Program, hereinafter the "Program," incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, grant funds were awarded and Agency entered into a grant agreement with OES ("Grant") consistent with the subject of the Program; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Program, the parties entered into an agreement ("MOU"), dated July 1, 2006, so that the parties would work in partnership for the purpose of providing maximum available assistance for crime victims residing within the City of Fresno including addressing violence against adult women through investigation, immediate victim advocacy, and training for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Program is intended to enhance the specialized unit and to focus special effort on the handling of violent crimes against adult women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking; and

WHEREAS, the Grant is to be extended for a period of 6 months, July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, with an increase in funding in the amount of \$48,518.96 for this extension period; and

WHEREAS, the MOU is due to expire on June 30, 2007, and Agency and the MMC desire to extend the MOU for 6 months and utilize the additional funding to continue to coordinate and provide the services referenced in the MOU.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that the aforesaid Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Effective June 30, 2007, the commitment of the parties to the Grant Program and the term of the MOU as set forth in Sections 4 and 9 thereof, respectively, are extended to December 31, 2007.

2. Effective June 30, 2007, for the purposes of the services performed by MMC under the MOU during the extension period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, the Agency agrees to reimburse MMC solely from allocated and available Program Grant funds for eligible costs incurred by MMC in pursuit thereof, in an amount not to exceed \$48,518.96 in accordance with the Program budget submitted by Agency in conjunction with the extension under the Grant. Payment of said bill shall be in accordance with Section 3 of the MOU.

3. Except as otherwise provided herein, the MOU entered into by Agency and MMC, dated July 1, 2006, remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment at Fresno, California, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:
Rebecca E. Klisch
City Clerk, City of Fresno

CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA,
a municipal corporation

BY: _____
Deputy

BY: _____
Jerry Dyer, Chief of Police
City of Fresno Police Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
James C. Sanchez
City Attorney, City of Fresno

MARJAREE MASON CENTER, INC.,
a California non-profit organization

BY: _____
Nancy A. Algier Date
Senior Deputy

BY: _____
Pam Kallsen, Executive Director

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***THIS MOU/AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY COUNCIL ACTION
UPON AWARD OF ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS.***