



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: Susan Manheimer
Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Emergency Response to
Interpersonal Violence 2020 Grant

DATE: June 8, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date: July 8, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Accept And Appropriate The Emergency Response To Interpersonal Violence – 2020 Pandemic Grant Funds Administered By The Children’s Advocacy Centers Of California (CACCC), In The Amount Of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), For The Period Of February 24, 2020 Through July 31, 2020, To Purchase Computers For The Oakland Police Department (OPD) Special Victims Section (SVS), Purchase Temporary Shelter For Victims Of Child Abuse And Their Families, And Fund Miscellaneous Expenses Incurred By SVS In Support Of Child Abuse Victims Impacted By The Corona Virus Pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) Special Victims Section (SVS) will use a CACC Emergency Response to Interpersonal Violence 2020 Grant to: 1) purchase computers that directly support the work of SVS personnel; and 2) purchase temporary shelter for victims of child abuse and their families. CACC is the primary grant recipient from the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) Emergency Response to fund a program intended to be a first step in combating interpersonal violence impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approval of the proposed resolution will allow staff to accept and appropriate the \$60,000 CACC grant and to purchase: 1) computers for SVS; 2) temporary shelter for victims of child abuse; and 3) miscellaneous supplies.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Children’s Advocacy Centers of California (CACCC) is a California membership organization dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse and efficiently put the needs of child victims first. CACC provides training, support, technical assistance and leadership on a statewide level to local child advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams throughout California responding to reports of child abuse and neglect.

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CACC was selected by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to offer funding to organizations and agencies serving abused children during the current Corona Virus Pandemic – CalOES recognizes the importance of continuing service to abused children in California communities during this pandemic. Awardees must spend the grant amount no later July 31, 2020; if not, CACC has the right to reallocate the awarded funds to other agencies.

OPD's SVS has a long history of supporting the victims of interpersonal violence (domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse). In particular, OPD has partnered with The Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center (CALICO) for many years. CALICO is an inter-agency collaborative in Alameda County focused on improving the quality of life of child abuse victims and families. CALICO partners¹ work to stop violence against children, coordinate inter-agency responses to reduce trauma of children already victimized by child abuse, and connect abused children with therapeutic support. CACC is a program of CALICO.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The goal of the grant program is to ensure the immediate safety of victims of interpersonal violence. OPD was selected to receive a sixty-thousand dollar (\$60,000) grant award to support emergency response to victim needs. OPD plans to spend the grant funds in two ways: 1) purchase computers that directly support the work of SVS personnel; and 2) purchase temporary shelter for victims of child abuse and their families. OPD will also utilize some funding for related miscellaneous expenses (e.g. ride share cards, bus ticket, grocery gift cards).

SVS investigators use unmarked police vehicles – these vehicles do not contain mobile data terminals (police computers) that are integrated into regular OPD patrol vehicles. The computers will be used by SVS personnel for in-field follow-ups such as interviews at CALICO, completing search warrants in the field (related to interpersonal violence investigations), remote interviewing, remote testimony, and telecommuting.

Overcapacity at area shelters, especially for families, is an on-going issue further exaggerated by the current Corona Virus COVID-19 Pandemic. OPD will utilize grant funds to secure temporary emergency shelter for victims of child abuse and their families.

There is no matching fund requirement for this grant; all funds must be spent by July 31, 2020.

¹ CALICO partners include law enforcement agencies, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, County child welfare organizations, hospitals, victim advocacy organizations, mental health support agencies, Alameda County Probation Department, and the Alameda County Family Justice Center; visit here for complete list: <https://www.calicocenter.org/ourteam>.

FISCAL IMPACT

The spending plan for the CACC grant is as follows:

Description of Grant Funding Spending Plan	Amount
Eleven Laptops (11 x \$4,104.28)	\$45,147.08
Shot-term shelter stipends to families of victims of interpersonal violence + miscellaneous expenses.	\$14,852.92
Total	\$60,000.00

OPD is seeking approval to accept and appropriate \$60,000 in grant funds per the above spending plan. Funds will be allocated to allocated to the CalOES Grant Fund (2146); Special Victims Section (102130); Project (TBD); Criminal Investigations Program (PS03).

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

There was no public outreach required for the preparation of this report beyond standard City Council noticing requirements.

COORDINATION

This report was reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: When possible, equipment and supplies used for this project will be purchased locally.

Environmental: There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

Race and Social Equity: Grant funds are directed toward achieving increased service levels during COVID-19 and long-term benefits for the victims of child abuse. Disadvantaged communities face greater threats of child abuse; greater support to SVS will help OPD to better serve communities who face higher levels of child abuse incidents.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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