



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/15/2022

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT AWARD
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DIVISION FOR A BILINGUAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE
COORDINATOR AND THREE ADDITIONAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE
COORDINATORS FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT OF THE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2023 grant award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for one (1) Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator and three (3) Victim Assistance Coordinators for the Victim Services Unit of the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

BACKGROUND

The CDA's Office has received grant funds to fund one (1) Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator and three (3) Victim Assistance Coordinators. Awarded funds assist in developing and implementing effective victim centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to address violent crimes and the overall enhancement of victim services.

There continues to be a positive reception regarding the position of the Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator from departments within the CDA's Office and community organizations, and there is a continued need for this position to assist Spanish speaking victims of crime. In addition, the positions provide comprehensive services to victims of intimate partner violence in tandem with the prosecution team. The funds allow the coordinators to provide services to those cases identified as high risk and filed as misdemeanor offenses.

The grant is effective October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$385,589.32 for FY 2023. No local match is required.

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