

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 10

DATE: January 19, 1999

STAFF: Deryle O'Dell

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 3, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the General Fund for the Police Services Victim Services Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Fort Collins Police Services Victim Services Team has been awarded a one-year grant for the period of January 1 to December 31, 1999 by the Eighth Judicial Victims and Law Enforcement (V.A.L.E.) Board to help fund additional growth for this team. A previous V.A.L.E. grant in the same amount was received for calendar year 1998.

The Victim Services Team provides crisis intervention, resource and referral services to victims of violent crime, as well as in other traumatic situations. Information must be provided to victims under Colorado State Statutes. The Victim Services Team currently utilizes a staff of one paid Victim Services Coordinator, and a team of 16-25 volunteer advocates. Because of the growth of the program and the need to ensure consistent and quality services to the citizens of Fort Collins, the addition of a part-time paid victim advocate is needed. Ordinance No. 3, 1999, was unanimously adopted on First Reading on January 5, 1999 and appropriates unanticipated revenue in the General Fund for the Police Services Victim Services Team.

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FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 18

DATE: January 5, 1999

STAFF: Deryle O'Dell

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 3, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the General Fund for the Police Services Victim Services Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City has received a grant for the Victim Services Team from the Eight Judicial Victims and Law Enforcement (V.A.L.E.) Board in the amount of \$19,500 for the addition of a part-time victim advocate and related equipment. The grant requires an in-kind match that is met by the existing Police Service budget.

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These grant monies have been awarded for the salary of a part-time, 20 hours per week, victim advocate, as well as miscellaneous equipment needs for the team. The total award is \$19,500. Duties of the part-time position will include providing direct crisis intervention services for victims of crime, follow-up with victims while the criminal investigation is on-going, assuring that victims of crime are provided information relating to the case, and resource and referral information.

The grant requires an in-kind match. This is met by volunteer hours, items that have already been purchased by Fort Collins Police Services for the implementation of the Victim Services Team (such as pagers, cell phones, and "uniforms"), and the salary of the Victim Services Coordinator.

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