



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$203,143 FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, WAIVING THE CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING \$101,572 TO THE POLICE GRANTS SECTION OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Police Department and South Bay Community Services have worked in partnership for more than 20 years providing domestic violence services to the community. Adoption of this resolution will accept grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Domestic Violence Response Team and approve the agreement with South Bay Community Services for domestic violence response and advocacy services.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable

DISCUSSION

Since 1985, Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD) and South Bay Community Services (SBCS) have partnered to address issues with juveniles. And since 1997, CVPD has been working in a partnership with SBCS to provide direct services to domestic violence victims and protect them from abuse. The partnership between CVPD and SBCS resulted in the formation of a 24-hour/7-day per week Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). The Police Department was recently notified of continued grant funding through the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The Department was initially awarded a 3-year grant for the DVRT program, covering a period of January 1,

2018 to December 31, 2020. Cal OES has now awarded the Police Department \$203,143 for an additional 12-month funding cycle of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Because of the established working relationship with SBCS, CVPD is requesting to waive the consultant selection process and approve the agreement with SBCS to provide domestic violence response and advocacy services. SBCS has tailored their programs to meet the needs of the City, and their experience, qualifications and community presence make them a unique service provider.

The Domestic Violence Response Team consists of detectives from the Family Protection Unit of the Police Department and Advocates from South Bay Community Services. The Advocates work closely with the Detectives, provide more intensified follow-up services after the violent incident, and help prevent the need for further intervention by law enforcement. SBCS Advocates are mandated to provide 24-hour immediate mobile crisis intervention in response to 911 calls to the CVPD on all family violence cases involving children. SBCS emergency staff meets CVPD officers at the scene of domestic violence crimes to assess for child abuse as well as offer services to victims. Additionally, CVPD has dedicated personnel from the Family Protection Unit to arrive in such cases. This dedicated staffing will allow both CVPD and the SBCS Advocate to have increased access to victims after the incident. The following business day, the Advocate will follow up with victims (alone or with a CVPD Detective), set up home visits with those not sheltered and provide case management and additional services to those placed in shelter. These visits will be coordinated with a Detective, depending on the severity of the abuse and if the perpetrator is still at large. Other SBCS Advocate services include safety planning, support groups and counseling, Temporary Restraining Order information and assistance, and transportation to a domestic violence shelter.

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 DVRT Accomplishments

- Responded to 999 crisis calls, of which 678 victims were directly affected by domestic violence
- Made contact and offered advocacy to 100% of victims with cases assigned to the unit
- Provided advocacy, including crisis intervention, resource and referral assistance, emergency assistance, and/or restraining order assistance to 678 victims
- Provided regular roll call training sessions to officers, highlighting the DVRT process as well as other agency-wide services available to the community

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$203,143 will completely offset the DVRT Program costs during the grant period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The grant will fund subcontracted costs from South Bay Community Services, and the City will receive

3% of the subcontracted costs to administer the grant. A detective assigned to the Family Protection Unit will fulfill the 25% match requirement of the grant. Adoption of this resolution will result in an appropriation of \$98,186 to supplies & services and \$3,386 to the other expenses category to the Police Grants section of the Federal Grants Fund to cover the current fiscal period of January 1 to June 30, 2021.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Since the grant period crosses two fiscal years, approval of this resolution will also direct staff to include \$101,571 to the Police Grant section of the Federal Grant Fund in the FY 2021/2022 budget. Continuing services for the DVRT Program beyond December 31, 2021 is contingent upon additional grant funding from Cal OES to support the program.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Agreement with South Bay Community Services for Domestic Violence Response and Advocacy Services

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