

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: September 11, 2014**

SUBJECT: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant # ST-WSG-15-010115-00

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Laura Valenzuela, Command Staff Assistant/Grant Coordinator on behalf of Chief Jarrell

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: (a) Grant Application, and (b) Line Item Budget (draft)

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In August 2014 the Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF) solicited applications for the federal STOP (Services- Training-Officers-Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP). The goal of the STOP Program is to encourage states to develop and implement a coordinated, multidisciplinary partnership between courts, victim advocates, service providers, prosecution and law enforcement to reduce crimes against women and enhance victim services. Emphasis continues to be on implementing comprehensive strategies that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and that hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

Funding for the STOP Grant is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), under the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. Under the direction of GOCYF, the Governor’s Division for Women manages the state’s allocated STOP Grant funding. STOP Grant Funds may support personnel, training, technical assistance, evaluation, data collection, equipment costs, development and implementation of protocols, and community coordination.

In Prescott Valley, these Funds have previously provided salary and benefits for one (1) full-time detective, one (1) full-time community service officer, and one (1) part-time administrative specialist which work together to facilitate the objectives of the program. They have also paid for travel and training, equipment, program materials, supplies, and vehicle expenses. For the 2015 STOP application, PVPD proposes to request one (1) additional full-time detective and one (1) additional part-time administrative specialist. If these are awarded, the Town cost share would increase by approximately \$27,157.50 during the year (available because of personnel cost savings in the current budget). This means that the total program cost of \$326,738.00 would be covered 75% by GOCYF in the amount of \$245,053.50 and the Town match would be \$81,684.50. Matching funds could be met with payments for or donations of overtime, equipment, office space, vehicles and related expenses.

The term of the contract would be from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and is renewable for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. Historically, once a department accepts this grant it is renewed each year. Consideration for renewal is based upon the availability of funds, in addition to the results of the program and fiscal monitoring.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may either approve submitting the STOP grant application or decline to approve submitting the STOP grant application.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve submitting a STOP grant application with the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families for 2015 as discussed above. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving submittal of the STOP grant application for 2015 as discussed above.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: If granted, this STOP grant application would require a 25% match from the Town in the amount of \$81,684.50. The match could be provided through both cash and in-kind services.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____