

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: June 23, 2016**

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Program (OJP), Office of Victim of Crime (OVC), Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA): 2016/2017 DPS-VOCA Agreement Renewals

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

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

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

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**ATTACHMENTS:** (a) DPS-VOCA Agreement Renewal for Assistant (b) 2016/2017 DPS-VOCA Agreement Renewal for Emergency Funds

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:** On June 3, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Program (OJP), Office of Victim of Crime (OVC), Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) solicited the 2016/2017 DPS-VOCA Agreement Renewals.

Funding for the VOCA Crime Victim Assistance Grant agreement renewal is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) - Office of Justice Programs (OJP), under a statutory set-aside for Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10604 (e)). Under the direction of the Office of Victim of Crime (OVC), OVC gives Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) sole authority to determine the best use of VOCA victim assistance grant funds. Priority will be given to projects serving victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, and previously underserved victims of violent crime such as drunk driving crashes, elder abuse, adults molested as children, survivors of homicide victims, robber or bank robbery, assault, stalking, kidnapping, identity theft, hate crimes and victims of exploitation and fraud.

The intent of the program is to enhance and expand direct services to crime victims. This is accomplished by assisting, training, and monitoring crime victim service providers. DPS expects the VOCA Crime Victim Assistance Grant agreement renewal to provide direct dedicated services to victims of crime.

The preliminary total cost for renewing the Victim Crime Unit Assistant project is \$19,763.38. The awarded funds would continue to be utilized for our part-time, 20 hour Community Service Officer. The VOCA program will provide funding in the amount of \$15,197.00 pursuant to federal statute which mandates the VOCA grant program may not cover more than 80% of the total costs of the project funded. In accordance, the Town will be required to fund \$4,566.38 (20% non-federal match, COLA and Performance Review). In addition, the total cost for renewing the Enhance Family Violence Unit's Emergency Victim Services project is \$1,500. The VOCA program will provide funding in the amount of \$1,200; pursuant to federal statute which mandates the VOCA grant program may not cover more than 80% of the total costs of the project funded. In accordance, a 20% match of \$300.00 will be required by the Town. Matching funds can be met with equipment, training, overtime, or any combination of calculated in-kind services and funds.

All awards that are issued as a result of the VOCA Agreement Renewal will be for a term of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

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**OPTIONS ANALYSIS:** Council may either accept the VOCA grant agreement renewals with the Arizona Department of Public Safety or refuse the grant renewals.

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**ACTION OPTION:** Motion to approve the VOCA grant agreement renewals with the Department of Public Safety to accept the grant renewal. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends authorizing submittal of the VOCA Agreement renewals with the Arizona Department of Public Safety and accepting the grant renewals.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** The VOCA grant requires a 20% non-federal funding match from the town in the amount of no more than \$5,000.00. This match can be provided through cash or in-kind services.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved  Denied  Tabled/Deferred  Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_