

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: January 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant #ST-WSG-09-9365-12Y2 (Renewal)

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Candace Manibusan, Administrative Supervisor, for Chief Maxson

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

ATTACHMENTS: (a) Award Notification

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In August 2008, 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 for the purpose of reducing crimes against women and enhancing victim services. Emphasis of the STOP Program continues to be on the implementation of comprehensive strategies addressing violence against women that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and 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, 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 and equipment costs to enhance the apprehension, prosecution and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women and to provide or improve services for victims.

In 2009, PVPD received an award of STOP Grant funding in the amount of \$139,140 to implement and maintain a program which includes the proposed formation and development of a Family Violence Assistance (FVA) Team. The team would consist of one (1) full time detective and one (1) full time community service officer to facilitate the objectives outlined for the program. The proposed program focuses on addressing violent crimes against women, including sexual assault and stalking, through service expansion; development and implementation of protocols; training for law enforcement and other identified stakeholders; and the development of coordinated community responses to violence against women.

The approved STOP Grant funding is a one (1) year contract that may be 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.

On December 18, 2009, PVPD received notice that GOCYF granted an extension of the existing contract for an additional year, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. PVPD is requesting acceptance of this grant renewal and approval for all awarded expenditures in their respective amounts.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may either accept the renewed grant award and approve awarded expenditures in their respective amounts or refuse the grant award.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to accept the renewed grant award and approve awarded expenditures in their respective amounts. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends accepting the renewed grant award and approving awarded expenditures in their respective amounts.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The STOP Grant requires a 25% non-federal funding match from the Town in the amount of \$34,780. This match can be provided through cash or in-kind services.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____