

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

Date: January 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant # ST-WSG-12-2366-11

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Candace Manibusan, Administrative Supervisor

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

ATTACHMENTS: (a) Award Letter and Offer and Acceptance Form for Contract #ST-WSG-12-2366-11 (b) Grant Application: Revised Exhibits C and D- Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF) recently 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 violent 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 (OVW), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as amended by VAWA 2000 and VAWA 2005, 42 U.S.C.A. §3796gg through 3796gg-5, CFDA #16.588. Under the GOCYF direction, 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.

On October 24, 2011, the Prescott Valley Police Department (PVPD) submitted application to the GOCYF to receive STOP Grant funding. PVPD's proposed program focuses on addressing violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence, through service expansion and continuation of the department's Violent Crimes Against Women Unit (VCAW). This specialized unit was created in 2009 through a previous three-year STOP grant award. The unit is comprised of a Detective Sergeant, Patrol Corporal, Detective and Community Service Officer. The recent application requested the addition of an Administrative Specialist technical position which will provide support to the other members of the unit; in addition to providing equipment and supplies necessary to maintain the unit.

On December 30, 2011, PVPD received notice of approved grant funding to continue the VCAW Unit and its objectives, including the addition of personnel. Funds will provide for the salary and benefits of one (1) full time detective, one (1) full time community service officer, and one (1) part time administrative specialist. The award also supports travel and training costs for unit personnel, equipment, and program materials and supplies, including vehicle expenses.

The total cost for continuation and enhancement of this program is \$193,554. The GOCYF will provide funding in the amount of \$145,165; pursuant to federal statute which mandates the STOP Formula Grant Program may not cover more than 75% of the total costs of the project funded. In accordance, a 25% non-federal match of \$48,389 will be required by the Town. The approved STOP Grant funding is a one (1) year contract that may be renewable for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, contingent upon the availability of funds. Consideration for renewal is also based on the results of program and fiscal monitoring.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may either accept the grant award and authorize entry into Contract # ST-WSG-12-2366-11 with the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families or refuse the grant award.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve Contract # ST-WSG-12-2366-11 with the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families to accept the grant award, **OR** Motion not to approve this Contract and grant award. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the Contract with the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families and accepting the grant award.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The STOP Grant requires a 25% non-federal funding match from the Town in the amount of \$48,389. 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 _____