



City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal
Office Building
300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2023-581

Agenda Item# G.13.

Agenda Date: 8/15/2023. **Department:** Police

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

Title: 2023 - 581 Ordinance in the Amount of \$263,096 Amending State, Federal and Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of the FY 23 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services Program (LEV Program)

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easiest Place to Do Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Connected City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Capital | <input type="checkbox"/> Hub of Recreation and Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Briefly Explain 3 word maximum</u> |

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

The Greensboro Police Department has been awarded the Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services Program (LEV Program) Grant in the amount of \$263,096 for the two year grant. A budget ordinance is needed to accept the award.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) mission is to enhance the nation's capacity to assist crime victims and provide leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. Through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), OVC supports a variety of efforts to improve services and response to victims of crime.

OVC launched the Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services Program (LEV Program) in 2018. The goal is to support law enforcement-based victim services program development in the United States and strengthen their capacity. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) serves as the training and technical assistance provider for the LEV Program. In this role, the IACP aims to enhance the capacity of law enforcement-based victim services by providing guidance on promising practices and policies to support victims' access to their legal rights and

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the services and responses they need. IACP works collaboratively with a team of project partners.

The police department currently employs one non-sworn Victim Support Advocate to assist families of homicide victims. GPD will use the grant funding to hire two additional Victim Support Advocates for nonfatal shooting victims and robbery victims. GPD believes that integrating the victim service non-sworn personnel into the Criminal Investigations Division is a critical component of success. Nonfatal shooting crime victims and robbery victims have many needs including, but not limited to, access to compensation, medical services, rehabilitation services, counseling, and legal assistance. GPD is committed to addressing crime from a whole community, including crime victims, perspective.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The grant does not require a match or additional City funds.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

220-35-3598152

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached budget ordinance establishing funding in the amount of \$263,096 so that the funds may be expended.