



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Health and Community Wellness

Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Application/Acceptance of Funds

Purpose: To provide support and empower individuals and families who have been impacted by a crime. (Shani Baraka Women's Resource Center Project)

Entity Name: State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety/NJ Victim Assistance Grant

Entity Address: P.O. Box 081, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0081

Grant Amount: \$400,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$508,224.00

City Contribution: \$108,224.00

Other Funding Source/Amount: \$0.00

Grant Period: September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS

() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ

() Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program assists state, county and municipal agencies to meet the needs of crime victims and assist public and non-profit agencies in providing and/or enhancing services to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Community Wellness, provides support and empower individuals and families who have been impacted by a crime, helping them restore their dignity and safety. Working with clients' inherent resiliency and self-determination, to encourage clients to lead in their path to restoring their personal power under the VOCA Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, has made grant funds available for the provision of such services through the NJ Victim Assistance Grant: Shani Baraka Women's Resource Center Project Ward Project; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2019, on behalf of the City of Newark, the Director of the Department of Health, and Community Wellness submitted an application to the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, P. O. Box 081, Trenton, New Jersey 08525-0081, requesting grant funding of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00), for the NJ Victim Assistance Grant: Shani Baraka Women's Resource Center Project, to provide support and work with victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this application, the City of Newark has been awarded a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00), from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, VOCA Grant Program,

to provide individualized advocacy, educational crime prevention workshops and support groups for victims of crime, for the period commencing September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark recognizes that the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, may extend time of Grant Award and/or provide additional funds if made available; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, will amend the grant to reflect the extension of grant period and/or increase or decrease of additional funds if made available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark wishes to agree to any amendments to the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness, are hereby authorized to submit an application to the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, New Jersey Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program, P. O. Box 081, Trenton, New Jersey 08525-0081, requesting grant funding in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00), for the provision of victims of crime services, community outreach and case management for victims and families who have been impacted by a crime. One Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$108,224.00) matched of City resources is required (a copy of the application is attached hereto and made a part hereof).
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies its authorization of this application from the date of application submission to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.
3. The grant award in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00) from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, New Jersey Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), is hereby accepted (a copy of the award is attached hereto and made a part hereof).
4. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute grant documents with the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, to receive the New Jersey Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant and expend the grant funds for the period commencing September 1, 2019 and terminating on August 31, 2021 (a copy of the Agreement is attached and made a part hereto).
5. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies the acceptance of this grant award September 1, 2019 to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.
6. The Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness shall file a fully executed copy of the grant application and notice of grant award in the Office of the City Clerk.

STATEMENT

This resolution ratifies and authorizes the actions taken by the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness, to apply for and accept grant funds in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00) from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, for the provision of the NJ Victim Assistance Grant: Shani Baraka Women's Resource Center Project, to provide support and work with victims of crime for the period commencing September 1, 2019 and terminating on August 31, 2021. One Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$108,224.00) of municipal funds are required from the municipal budget.