

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. _____

Date prepared: August 8, 2008

Council Meeting Date: August 26, 2008

TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager

THROUGH: Susan K. Thorpe, Deputy City Manager *SKT*

FROM: Larry J. Ratcliff, Chief of Police *LJR*

SUBJECT: Award from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$41,226

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor and City Council are asked to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Peoria Police Department to participate in the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) 2008/2009 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program and to accept funding in the amount of \$41,226. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding in support of services to victims of crime. Paired with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) Crime Victim Assistance grant, the VOCA Grant Program is an important part of the efforts to reduce the impact of crime on victims.

SUMMARY:

The Peoria Police Department desires to continue participation in the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program to assist with funding the position of Victim Advocate. The Police Department has been awarded \$41,226 in grant funding. This award would provide funding for personnel to deliver direct services to victims of crime.

The Department has completed its first year of funding through VOCA. By combining this grant with funds awarded through the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), the Department was able to fund a full-time Victim Advocate, who provided crisis intervention, support, and referrals to crime victims. This advocacy was made available to victims from the time a crime occurred until the case was closed or submitted for prosecution. In addition to providing crisis response and follow-up referrals, the Victim Advocate was responsible for recruiting, screening, training and supervising a team of volunteers assigned to the program.

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This grant award is contingent upon receiving matching funds from a non-Federal source. This requirement will be fulfilled by matching this grant with funding awarded through the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC).

With continued participation in the VOCA Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program, the Peoria Police Department will be able to continue addressing the emotional and informational needs of victims of crime.

ATTACHMENT:
Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 08-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPT AN AWARD OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,226 FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS), VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN FUNDING A FULL TIME VICTIM ADVOCATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is committed to the community policing philosophy of law enforcement service, and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is concerned about crime in the community, and are committed to reducing its impact on victims of crime, and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is authorized pursuant to A.R.S.38-511 to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the joint provision of service, and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is committed to accept a grant of \$41,226 from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria, Maricopa County, Arizona, as follows:

That the City Council authorizes acceptance of a one year grant in the amount of \$41,226 from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program,

That the City Manager and Police Chief are authorized and directed to execute such documents on behalf of the City, as may be necessary to receive this grant; and

That the City Manager and Management Services Department Director are authorized and directed to create appropriate City of Peoria budget accounts to facilitate the acceptance of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program, and work in conjunction with the Police Chief to implement the appropriate supplemental law enforcement operations, and submit the financial and operational reports to the required federal agencies as required by federal grant award requirements.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona, this
26th day of August, 2008.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM:

Stephen M. Kemp, City Attorney