

# Council Agenda Item 26-0451R



**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES PROSECUTORIAL GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 2026 AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL \$17,500 TO PARTIALLY FUND THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIALIST POSITION IN THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR 2026.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Attorney's Office

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** The city council has approved annual awards from the Office of Justice Programs since 2018 , which awards are used to partially fund the victim services specialist position in the City Attorney's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution authorizes acceptance of an additional \$17,500 grant award from the Minnesota department of public safety, office of justice programs. This additional award is a result of the decision of the OJP to switch from a fiscal year to a calendar year starting January 1, 2027. This additional award will help fund the victim services specialist position for the last quarter of 2026. The victim services specialist works with prosecutors to provide statutorily mandated victim services using a victim centered approach. These services include providing timely information about victim rights as outlined in Minn. Stat. Chapter 611A, providing information and education about court and prosecution processes, providing notification of court dates, assisting with safety concerns and direct client assistance funding, providing referrals to local resources, assisting with restitution requests, and more. The victim services specialist assisted 1,596 victims/survivors in 2025.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** +\$17,500

**OPTIONS:** Pass/Fail

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve for the victim services position to continue to be funded for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Grant Agreement

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