

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bradley J. Rinehimer, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Federal Grant Award - Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women - \$416,248

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James City County has been awarded a continuation grant (Improving Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking) by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the Department of Justice, in the amount of \$416,248. The grant award period is from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021.

The purpose of this grant is twofold: 1) to centralize and coordinate police enforcement, prosecution or judicial responsibility for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking cases in teams or units of police officers, prosecutors, parole and probation officers or judges; and 2) develop multidisciplinary high-risk teams focusing on reducing domestic violence and dating violence homicides.

The continued grant awarded funds will maintain four part-time positions (project coordinator, victim advocate, domestic violence pretrial officer and the domestic violence probation officer) and will continue to fund 10 hours per week increase and health care coverage for the domestic violence prosecutor attached to the Williamsburg-James City County Commonwealth Attorney's office. The renewed funding from OVW will also fund travel - OVW mandated technical assistance and training funds; equipment; supplies; contracts for interpretation and translation services and curfew monitoring services; transportation services for victims; rent and costs associated with providing training to stakeholders in the greater Williamsburg area.

Staff recommends the appropriation of \$416,248 to the Special Projects/Grants Fund.

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Attachment