



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 03/23/2026

Proposed Resolution No. R26-036- Approve and authorize the Police Department to apply for the Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management- FY 26-27 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program, and if awarded, authorize the City to accept the Grant and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign all documents associated with the Grant subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Requested Action:

Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R26-036.

Explanation of Request: The Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program provides funding to local community organizations to address the emotional and physical needs of crime victims. This funding helps victims stabilize their lives after experiencing victimization, navigate and engage with the criminal justice system, and gain a sense of safety and security. If awarded, the Boynton Beach Police Department will use these funds to hire an additional victim advocate, enhancing their ability to provide comprehensive support and services to victims in the community.

The Attorney General's online application portal is open from March 20, 2026, to April 7, 2026, for submission.

How will this affect city programs or services?

Victim advocates are trained professionals who assist victims of crime by providing information, emotional support, and guidance in accessing resources and completing necessary paperwork. They also reach out to various criminal justice organizations and social service agencies to secure help or gather information for victims. Our agency currently employs one full-time city-funded victim advocate to meet the community's needs. By adding an additional victim advocate, staff would be able to offer more personalized attention to each case, ensure timely follow-up, and enhance proactive outreach efforts. This would not only improve the quality of service for victims but also allow the team to better manage their caseloads.

Account Line Item and Description: Grant accounts will be created, if awarded.

Fiscal Impact: If awarded, the City of Boynton Beach Police Department may receive grant

funds to cover victim advocate salary, benefits, training and items related to assist in providing services. No cash match needed.

Attachments:

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