

GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #22 OF 2022

ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE JUSTICE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION (JRSA) FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM SPECIALIST PROGRAM

By Councilor Cuddy

February 3, 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn New York Police Department desires to be an agency that places a high priority on addressing the needs of victims of crime and providing the most effective services to this population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Police Department in partnership with Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. (CCS) applied for and received funding to implement a Law Enforcement Based Victim Specialist (LEV) in 2019 from The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Office of Victims of Crime (OVC); and

WHEREAS, in December 2021 the City of Auburn submitted an application to the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) for funding assistance to conduct a joint research project that will focus on studying the culture of the Auburn Police Department and perception of their role in victim response; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2022 the City of Auburn was notified of a LEV mini-grant from the JRSA in the sum of \$14,955; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Auburn or a designated representative must be authorized to accept the grant funding and execute all necessary documents in connection therewith prior to commencing the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn hereby accepts a research mini grant from the JRSA in the amount of \$14,955 to conduct a joint research project that will focus on studying the culture of the Auburn Police Department and perception of their role in victim response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is authorized to create a project account with a total project budget of \$14,955 and to recognize grant revenue from JRSA in the amount of \$14,955; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Auburn, or a designated representative, is authorized to execute the grant contract and all other documents necessary for the acceptance of the grant, and otherwise act on all matters related to the grant.

Seconded by Councilor Kent

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor Kent	X		
Councilor Giannettino			X
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CAYUGA)

I, CHARLES MASON, Clerk of the City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York (the “City”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed abstract of the minutes of the meeting of the Council of the City (the “Council”), held on the 3rd day of February, 2022, including the Resolution #22 of 2022 contained therein, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the attached is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City this 3rd day of February, 2022.



Charles Mason, Clerk
City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York

COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

Memorial City Hall
24 South Street
Auburn, New York 13021

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Jim Slayton, Chief of Police

DATE: February 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Grant Acceptance Resolution #22 Accepting Funding from the Justice Research and Statistics Assoc. (JRSA) for the Law Enforcement Victim Specialist Program

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. partnered with the City of Auburn to implement the County's first Law Enforcement Based Victim Specialist Program. This funding opportunity capitalized on our community-based partnership and the engagement of professionals from cross-disciplines to develop a comprehensive and collaborative approach in responding to and providing support for those who have been victimized. These victims of violent and/or nonviolent crimes can face a multitude of challenges as the result of their victimization, yet it is almost impossible to predict exactly what effects an individual victim will suffer as people can react very differently to similar offences.

As a LEV grantee, the Auburn Police Department has seen the impact that having a Victim Specialist (VS) seated in house has had on victims of crimes within the City of Auburn. Through data collection and analysis by our research partner as part of the LEV Program, we have been able to see the impact the VS has in our city. Since the VSP began in the APD (i.e., February 2020) through March 2021), 167 crime victims have been provided with direct supportive services following victimization. This includes 125 in 2021 and 42 in the first three months for which information exists.

In December 2021, the City of Auburn submitted an application to the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) for funding assistance to conduct a joint research project focused on studying the culture of the Auburn Police Department and the perception of their role in victim response. At this time, we know less about whether law enforcement officers perceive such relationships with victim services and/or victim service specialists as constructive, valuable, etc. and whether they believe that it supplements, interferes with, or otherwise influences their job responsibilities and overall satisfaction with police.

On January 19, 2022, the City of Auburn was notified of a LEV mini-grant from the JRSA in the sum of \$14,955 to support this research project. The proposed resolution requests the acceptance of this funding.