



## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to apply for a 2024 Crime Victim Services 12- Month Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has released a request for proposals for the 2024 Crime Victim Services 12-Month Grants, and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Offices' current OJP Crime Victim Services grant is for the period of October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023, and the deadline for applications under this new request for proposals is April 12, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Programs goals include ensuring crime victims' rights are upheld, increasing victims' safety, and ensuring that victims' services are relevant to the population that exists within the community, and

WHEREAS, the St. Paul City Attorney's Office is eligible to apply for approximately \$175,000 to provide crime victim services during the 12-month period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the St. Paul City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division relies heavily on the work of our Victim Witness Coordinator and Victim Witness Assistant to provide services to crime victims, uphold statutory mandates in Minn. Stat. 611A (Crime Victims' Rights), and to ensure that victims from underserved communities are able to access these services, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that crime victim services offered by the City Attorney's Office benefit the citizens of the City of St. Paul, and

WHEREAS, the St. Paul City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division wishes to pursue the available funding opportunity and the grant application in an effort to retain one current Victim Witness Coordinator position (1.0 FTE) and one Victim Outreach Assistant position (1.0 FTE), both of which are currently funded by this grant,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the St. Paul City Council authorizes the St. Paul City Attorney, Lyndsey Olson and her designees to apply for the 2024 Crime Victim Services 12-Month Grant.