



## Legislation Text

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### **SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV) grant in the amount of \$4,985.16, for overtime training of Communications Center staff and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

### **SUMMARY:**

On February 23, 2016, Clearwater Police Department (CPD) was provided approval by the City's Resource Management Committee to apply for a grant for enhanced training of all CPD personnel relating to sexual violence investigations, as part of the FCASV Excellence in Sexual Assault Response Project (ESARP). The grant provides for funding of overtime training costs for CPD's Communications Center Staff, in order to minimize operational impacts.

The ESARP is unique in several respects, including its emphasis on a victim-centered, trauma informed approach to sexual assault investigations. Subject matter experts from across Florida and the nation helped design training that strengthens the criminal justice response to sexual assault investigations and provides the most up-to-date information and practices. Participation in ESARP will allow CPD and its partners in this project to improve investigations, promote case progression, increase offender prosecutions and victim healing.

FCASV will provide free ESARP training to four selected sworn CPD employees under a "Train the Trainer" Program approach. These four individuals will provide, in turn, ESARP training to the remainder of CPD staff and its partners in the project, the Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney's Office and the University of South Florida - St. Petersburg Police Department.

The \$4,985 grant will provide funding for four hours of overtime training for all CPD Communications Center Operators and Supervisors. Training for the remainder of CPD Patrol, Detectives, and Command/Administrative staff will be performed on duty.

Special project number 181-99216, ESARP Grant, will be established to account for the grant expenditures.

There is a mandatory in-kind match for this grant in the amount of \$1,661.00, which will be met by the instructional hours completed by the four selected CPD trainers.

There will be no direct adverse impact to the Police Department's operating budget.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

At third quarter, special program number 181-99216 - FCASV-ESARP Program, will be established to account for the grant revenues and expenditures.