



TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Karen Vastine, Community Justice Center Coordinator

DATE: September 12, 2013

RE: 2013 Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant: 02160-13VOCA16

This is a request from CEDO's Community Justice Center (CJC) that the City of Burlington accepts the 2013 Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant in the amount of \$117,000 to be expended between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 on its behalf. This grant provides the base funding for the CJC's Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime Project. Parallel Justice is a national demonstration project that assists victims of crime in Burlington regardless of whether the offender is caught or prosecuted.

Other CJC grants, staff time and volunteer hours comprise the match required with this grant.

Copies of the entire grant award available upon request.

Acceptance of 2013 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant: 02160-13VOCA16 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington co-created the Community Justice Center's Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime is a national demonstration project that assists victims regardless of whether their offender is caught or prosecuted in innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, the Community Justice Center , a division of the Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) has been awarded funds from the VT Center for Crime Victim Services; and

WHEREAS, CEDO has been awarded a VOCA grant of \$117,000 to support the Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime Project for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, at its meeting on September 16, 2013, reviewed and recommended City Council authorize acceptance of the VOCA Grant and all necessary budget amendments to reflect same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize Peter Owens, CEDO Director, or his designee, to execute the VOCA Grant and all documents necessary to accept this funding, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.