



Internal Memo

November 20, 2019

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator
FROM: Jon Gale, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Collaborative Stop Violence Against Women Grant

This memo is to inform the City Council of a funding opportunity for the Norton Shores Police Department to participate in a collaborative investigative team with the Muskegon County Prosecutor's office and the City of Muskegon.

The State of Michigan released grant money to Law Enforcement Agencies with a goal of providing victim-centered services when dealing with criminal sexual conduct, domestic violence, intimate partner violence and stalking cases. In conjunction with the Muskegon County Prosecutors office and the Muskegon Police Department, there will be a team of highly skilled and experienced investigators to address these crimes. This team will also provide victims of these senseless crimes a supportive and individualized system. Also, the victims will have a specialized detective follow their case all the way through the criminal justice system.

If this grant is awarded, the funding will cover the cost of one detective's wages and benefits from our department for up to a three-year period. The funding will also cover administrative costs and equipment costs, therefore will remain budget neutral.

I would like to present this information to the Mayor and City Council at the November 26, 2019 work session. If the grant is awarded I will be seeking an amendment to the FY 2020 budget to cover the reimbursed costs of the new added detective position. The position would begin January 2020 if awarded and approved by the City Council.