

MEMORANDUM

Date: Monday, July 13, 2026

To: Alderman Kevin Frost, Finance and Personal Committee, Chair

From: Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention

Re: Acceptance of Department of Justice (DOJ)/Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Program Award, Fiscal Year 2025

Please refer to the above-referenced item to the July 13, 2026, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting for consideration of the acceptance of a Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response Program FY25 Award in the amount of \$500,000.00 and with a project period of 36 months.

The grant award, if accepted, will provide funds to support one full-time Legal Advocate and one part-time Case Manager. Both of whom will enhance the community's criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in partnership with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and Victim Service Providers. **These two positions are one hundred percent grant funded and are a budget-neutral position for the City of Rockford. This grant does not require local matching funds.**