

RESOLUTION NO. 010538

Authorizing and requesting the Mayor to submit a grant application under the State Services to Victims Fund to the State of Missouri in the amount of \$65,100.00 for a Victim-Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, the State's initial Victim Assistance Program was established by the Missouri's General Assembly under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety with the adoption of Section 595.050, RSMo, in 1981. The Services to Victims Fund was established under Section 595.100, RSMo, in 1988 and consists of money collected pursuant to Section 595.045, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Public Safety administers the funds at the State level solely for the administration of contracts for services to victims of crime pursuant to Sections 595.050, 595.055 and 595.105, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund has been established in the Missouri State Treasury. A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) is assessed as costs in each court proceeding filed in any court in the state for violation of a criminal law of the state, including an infraction and violation of a municipal or county ordinance; and

WHEREAS, each year \$250,000.00 is allocated to the Crime Laboratories Funds. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the balance goes into the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) goes to the State Services to Victims Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety will have nearly \$2,400,000.00 in the State Services for Victims Fund for fiscal year available for award on July 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is an "eligible applicant" under the rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is a sufficient number of citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, who are victims of violent crime who could benefit under the provisions of the State Services to Victims Fund; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, there were 3,360 arrests and victims in Kansas City for domestic violence assault; it is in the best interests of Kansas City, Missouri, and its citizens to apply for a grant from the State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety, to secure assistance for its less fortunate citizens who have suffered physical or mental injury through acts which are in violation of criminal law; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program would provide to victims of domestic violence assaults support, encouragement and explanation of court proceedings and would assist prosecutors in case preparation at the Municipal Court level and

trial de novo level, notify victims and witnesses of continued court dates, encourage participation in prosecution and make appropriate court and social service referrals; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Mayor is authorized and requested to submit a grant application with the State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety, under the State Services to Victims Fund, to provide monies for a Victim-Assistance Program.
