



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William McManus, Chief of Police

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

San Antonio Police Department Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant acceptance upon award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant upon award in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025; authorizing a cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match not to exceed \$82,000.00 for the total program budget of \$1,547,000.00. Matching funds are included in the General Fund FY 2025 Proposed Budget. This grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations.

This grant acceptance upon award was approved by the Public Safety Committee on August 20, 2024 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant will provide for traffic enforcement and educational activity on an overtime basis to help augment the SAPD's efforts to reduce the incidence of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations. Enforcement activity will be conducted with sworn officers assigned to the program on an overtime basis and the educational component will consist of both regular duty and overtime assignments.

The educational activities include classroom instruction on safe driving practices, drunk driving simulations, and traffic accident displays at schools and community events. The public education outreach portion of the grant is a collaboration between the San Antonio Police Department and the Texas Department of Transportation to promote traffic safety.

The grant will consist of an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 from TxDOT, a City cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match of \$82,000.00. The total proposed program budget is \$1,547,000.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of fuel, maintenance, and repairs of the vehicles used while performing grant activities, and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while performing grant activities.

This grant acceptance upon award was approved by the Public Safety Committee on August 20, 2024 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant upon award in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for the for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025; authorizes a cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match of \$82,000.00 from the Police Department's FY 2025 Proposed Budget.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

This grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes a program budget not to exceed \$1,547,000.00. The total proposed program budget includes grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, a General Fund cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind contribution of \$82,000.00. Matching funds are included in the General Fund FY 2025 Proposed Budget. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles used while performing grant activities (fuel, maintenance, repairs, etc.) and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while performing grant activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends acceptance of this grant award.