



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for the FY 2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027. This ordinance will authorize an in-kind match of \$200,019.00 and will establish a total budget of \$800,019.00.

This grant was approved by the Public Safety Committee on October 15, 2024, to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking grant will provide victim services to victims of human trafficking, both proactive and reactive investigations of sex trafficking crimes, and enhance the established human trafficking task force in coordination and collaboration with other law enforcement agencies and non-governmental agencies. This grant will strengthen the working relationship between the Police Department and the Baptist Children

and Family Services (BCFS) to provide a victim-centered approach for addressing this rapidly growing crime and will allow for the expansion of SAPD's current collaboration with the South Texas Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) Task Force Against Human Trafficking operations and partnerships and assist OJP in building the capacity of other task forces in the field.

The grant award consists of \$600,000.00 from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), a City in-kind match of \$200,019.00. The total proposed program budget is \$800,019.00. The City's in-kind contribution consists of the cost associated with 2 existing Detective Investigators assigned to human trafficking investigations. BCFS Health and Human Services, a non-profit partner, has agreed to pay half the \$70,000.00 yearly cost for three years of a Task Force Coordinator, with the City paying \$35,000.00 a year with grant funds for this period.

ISSUE:

This Ordinance authorizes accepting a grant in the amount of \$600,000.00, from the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for the FY 2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no other grants for this program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the acceptance of this grant.