



# 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:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds upon award for the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program, not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division and establishing an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office, and the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds upon award, not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program multi-agency TAG Task Force Center in San Antonio, establishing an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office, and the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, and a personnel complement of six positions.

This grant acceptance was approved by the Public Safety Committee on June 28, 2024 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The \$4,000,000.00 grant will fund the San Antonio Police Department Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) initiative. The grant program is an invitation only for preselected projects that support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities. The City of San Antonio Police Department will continue as the grant's fiscal agent.

The combined law enforcement resources and strategies program will focus on decreasing regional threats created by gang activities with the ultimate goal of disrupting the command and control of gang criminal organizations which affect the public safety in our communities.

The program is coordinated and overseen by an advisory board consisting of representatives from the constituent agencies (Department of Public Safety (DPS), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office (BCCDA), Department of Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (HIS); US Marshals Service (USMS), Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

The grant funds two sworn Police Officer, and four civilian positions for SAPD. The officers are assigned to the TAG to provide uniformed support to their operation as well as work closely with school districts on prevention/intervention activities at local San Antonio school districts that are affected by the growing impact of gang crime and violence in schools.

The grant funds are distributed as follows: \$1,082,410 for SAPD, \$2,684,849 for all agencies shared resources that includes: Contractual and Professional Services (\$1,335,338), Building Lease (\$836,715) and Equipment (\$180,766). The remaining (\$332,030) will be utilized for other agency resources including vehicles, travel, and training.

**ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds upon award for the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program, not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). SAPD will continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the TAG program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no other grants for this program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds upon award, not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the of Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program multi-agency TAG Task Force Center in San Antonio, and personnel complement of six positions. This does not have any fiscal impact to the

City in the form of Cash or in-kind match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the acceptance of this grant. This approval will continue to enhance efforts to reduce gang violence in this area.