



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2024 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program

SUMMARY:

Briefing and possible action on the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program Grant (TVTP) award in the amount of \$344,982.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The grant will enhance the SAPD's Behavioral Threat Assessment Group's training to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. The grant award period is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026. There is no cash or in-kind match required.

The acceptance of grant acceptance is scheduled for City Council consideration in "A" Session on October 3, 2024.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Southwest Texas Fusion Center (SWTFC) under the guidance of the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit, and with inputs from United States Secret Service (USSS) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) created a three-tier Behavioral Threat Assessment Group (BTAG) that is recognized nationally for innovation and best practices. The grant will provide funding to support the BTAG team in preventing mass targeted violence and terrorism.

This grant will fund activities carried out by the SWTFC Threat Assessment and Management Group, a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary collaboration of San Antonio area stakeholders in the shared ownership, and responsibility of developing threat mitigation strategies, and addressing targeted violence. The TVTP Grant will further enhance the Behavioral Threat Assessment Group with training and assist with funding for increased deployment and efficiency of personnel to mitigate threats upon identification. The BTAG team focuses on individuals who are on the pathway to violence and pose a risk to schools, universities, workplaces, critical infrastructure, and the public in general. This grant will ensure the BTAG team can continue long-term management and mitigation strategies preventing further violence after these persons of concern have been off ramped from the pathway to violence.

ISSUE:

Briefing and possible action on the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$344,982.00, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY), Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the FY 2024 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY), Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the amount of \$344,982.00. There is no cash or in-kind match required.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee support the acceptance of the grant and forward the item to the full City Council for approval at the October 3rd "A" Session.