



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:

FY23 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program Grant

SUMMARY:

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$69,726.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program, for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025. There is no cash or in-kind match required.

This grant will enhance the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to provide services for officer mental health and wellness.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The mission of the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) is to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

As part of the LEMHWA Act, Congress authorized the COPS Office to fund state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services on officer emotional and mental health, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services.

Funding from this grant will provide for consultant services to augment psychological services provided to law enforcement and their families. Additionally, the grant will also provide for financial advisor services aimed to assist first responders build strong financial features.

The Public Safety Committee was briefed on the grant application on April 18, 2023. The City was notified of the grant award on October 13, 2023.

ISSUE:

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ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award is in an amount not to exceed \$69,726.00 for the period beginning October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2025. There is no cash or in-kind match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program grant.