



# 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) supplemental grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$357,000.00.

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) supplemental grant in an amount not to exceed \$357,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant provides 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.

On August 31, 2023, the City Council approved the acceptance of \$843,000 for the FY 2024 STEP Program for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The STEP grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations. The supplemental grant funds have been awarded to the SAPD based on the results that have been achieved by the Department utilizing the STEP Grant. The STEP Grant approved in August 2023 required a cash match not to exceed \$265,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$82,000.00.

On January 9, 2024, TxDOT notified the SAPD of the supplemental grant award of \$357,000.00. This supplemental award does not increase the City's cash and in-kind contributions approved by City Council on August 31, 2023.

On February 20, 2024, the Public Safety Committee approved this grant award 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 supplemental grant in an amount not to exceed \$357,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternatives.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) supplemental grant in an amount not to exceed \$357,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. With this supplemental award the total program budget for FY 2024 is \$1,547,000 as shown in the table below:

	<b>Original Grant Allocation</b>	<b>Supplemental Grant</b>	<b>Total Program</b>
Grant Award	\$843,000	\$357,000	\$1,200,000

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City Cash Match	265,000		265,000
City In-Kind Match	82,000		82,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,190,000</b>	<b>\$357,000</b>	<b>\$1,547,000</b>

The City's in-kind contribution comes from the cost of the vehicles used while performing grant activities (fuel, maintenance, and repairs.) and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while working the grant.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this supplemental grant award.