



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 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of grant funds 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.

This grant was approved by the Public Safety Committee on September 17, 2024, to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

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 and the Department of Homeland Security created a three-tier Behavioral Threat Assessment Group (BTAG) 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 BTAG 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:

This Ordinance authorizes accepting a grant 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 period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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