



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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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 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on a \$600,000.00 award from the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for the FY 2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

The acceptance of this grant is scheduled for City Council consideration at “A” Session on October 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking grant will provide victim services to victims of human trafficking, both proactive and reactive investigations of sex trafficking crimes on an overtime basis and enhance the established human trafficking task force in coordination and collaboration with other law enforcement agencies and non-governmental agencies. This grant will strengthen the working relationship between the Police Department and the Baptist Children and Family Services (BCFS) to provide a victim-centered approach for addressing this rapidly growing crime and will allow for the expansion of our current collaboration with the South Texas Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) Task Force Against Human Trafficking operations and partnerships and assist OJP in building the capacity of other task forces in the field.

The grant award consists of \$600,000.00 from OVC, a City in-kind match of \$200,019.00. The total proposed program budget is \$800,019.00. The City's in-kind contribution will cover the cost of two existing Detective Investigators, which devote their time to human trafficking investigations to reduce the incidences of human trafficking in our community. The grant application was authorized by a Grant Application Approval Form and the application was submitted to OVC on May 6, 2024.

ISSUE:

Briefing and possible action on the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$600,000.00, from the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for the FY 2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award from the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is not to exceed \$600,000.00. There is a 25% cash or in-kind match required. The City's in-kind contribution is covered through the cost of two existing Detective Investigator positions that investigate human trafficking incidents in our community. Receipt of funds will have no impact on the City's General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

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 31st "A" Session.