



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:

Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on a supplemental grant award of \$550,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. The City was awarded the FY25 TxDOT STEP grant in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. The supplemental grant award will continue to enhance the San Antonio Police Department's efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations. The grant requirements for the cash match of \$265,000.00 will not change from the original grant acceptance. The in-kind match will increase by approximately \$120,620.00 to a total of \$202,620.00 and will consist of operational costs from the vehicles used by the grant.

The approval of this acceptance of supplemental grant funds is scheduled for consideration by City Council in "A" Session on January 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant will provide 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.

The supplemental award consists of up to \$550,000.00 from TxDOT, no additional cash match, and an increased in-kind match. The new total proposed program budget is \$2,217,620.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of fuel, maintenance, and repairs of the vehicles used while performing grant activities, and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while performing grant activities.

The acceptance of the grant was authorized by Ordinance 2024-09-05-0657.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The new total program budget is estimated at \$2,217,620.00. The total proposed program budget includes the original grant award of \$1,200,000.00, supplemental grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, the FY2025 General Fund cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind contribution of up to \$202,620.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles used while performing grant activities (fuel, maintenance, repairs, etc.) and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while working the grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forwards this supplemental grant acceptance to full City Council for approval and acceptance. This item is scheduled for consideration in “A” Session on January 30, 2025.