



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:

FY 2025 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Supplemental Grant

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a supplemental grant award of up to \$550,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. The FY 2025 TxDOT STEP grant was awarded to the City for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, for \$1,200,000.00. The supplemental grant award will continue to enhance the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) 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 for a total of \$202,620.00 and will consist of operational costs from the vehicles used while conducting grant activities.

The acceptance of supplemental grant funds was approved by the Public Safety Committee on February 18, 2025 to move forward to the full City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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

The supplemental award consists of up to \$550,000.00 from TxDOT, no additional cash match, and an increased in-kind match totaling to \$202,620.00. The new total proposed program budget is \$2,217,620.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the operational costs from the vehicles used by the grant.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of the TxDOT Comprehensive STEP supplemental grant in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives to this grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

An ordinance authorizing supplemental grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 for the FY 2025 TxDOT STEP grant. 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 FY 2025 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.