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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing and possible action on a San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00 for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

SUMMARY:

The SAPD will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on a \$1.75 million grant for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 from the Texas Department of Transportation. This funding will enhance the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations. A cash match not to exceed \$265,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$202,620.00 is required for this grant.

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. SAPD has been awarded this grant since 2001.

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 grant consists of up to \$1,750,000.00 from TxDOT, a City cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match of \$202,620.00. The 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.

The grant solicitation was released on March 14, 2025, with an application deadline of April 18, 2025. The acceptance of the grant is anticipated to be brought to City Council for approval in May or June 2025.

ISSUE:

Briefing and possible action on a San Antonio Police Department grant application, and acceptance upon award, in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00 for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total program budget is estimated at \$2,217,620.00. The total proposed program budget includes grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00, a FY 2026 General Fund cash match of \$265,000.00 and an in-kind contribution of \$202,620.00, which is contingent upon the adoption of the FY26 budget. 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:

No alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forwards the acceptance of the grant award to the City Council for approval.