



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:

Impaired Driving Mobilization DWI Enforcement Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) DWI traffic enforcement grant called Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 will enhance the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI. This ordinance will also establish a total budget of \$62,500.00 which includes grant funds of \$50,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$12,500.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 3, 2022 the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) received an invitation from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requesting that the SAPD apply for a \$50,000.00 Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant (IDM) for DWI enforcement. The grant will pay for DWI traffic enforcement on an overtime basis to help augment the SAPD's efforts to reduce the incidence of DWI. Enforcement activity will be conducted with sworn officers assigned to the

program on an overtime basis. In addition to intense seatbelt and child restraint enforcement, state-wide public information and education activities will be conducted by TxDOT during the enforcement period.

The grant award consists of \$50,000.00 from TXDoT and an in-kind match of \$12,500.00 for a total proposed program budget is \$62,500.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles (fuel, maintenance, repairs, etc.) used while performing grant activities and the administrative salary of personnel to manage the grant.

Past fiscal year IDM grant awards from the Texas Department of Transportation include:

- 2010 – Awarded \$100,000.00
- 2011 – Awarded \$30,000.00
- 2019 – Awarded \$50,000.00
- 2020 – Awarded \$65,000.00
- 2021 – Awarded \$50,000.00

The grant application was approved through a Grant Application Authorization Form (GAAF) dated September 15, 2022.

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on this grant on November 30, 2022.

ISSUE:

The proposed ordinance continues the City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for traffic safety programs. This program from TxDOT will expand the City's efforts in reducing crashes and fatalities with proactive DWI traffic enforcement.

ALTERNATIVES:

This grant enhances SAPD DWI enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the submission and acceptance of the grant application for funds from TXDoT in order to increase DWI traffic enforcement.