



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:

Briefing and possible action on the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$6,500,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division in connection with the Texas Anti-Gang Program for FY 2024 for the San Antonio Police Department. No City cash match or in-kind match is required.

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division, Texas Anti-Gang Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.00 for the for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, establishing an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office, and the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, and authorizing a personnel complement of two (2) San Antonio Police Officer positions funded by the grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This grant will fund the San Antonio Police Department Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) initiative. The grant program is an invitation-only for preselected projects that support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities. With this grant award, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is transferring the fiscal agent responsibility to the City of San Antonio, San Antonio Police Department.

The combined law enforcement resources and strategies program will focus on decreasing regional threats created by gang activities with the ultimate goal of disrupting the command and control of gang criminal organizations which affect the public safety in San Antonio.

The program is coordinated and overseen by an advisory board consisting of representatives from the constituent agencies: Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, Bexar County Criminal District Attorney, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Attorney's Office, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Office of the Inspector General, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

The grant adds two (2) additional sworn Police Officer positions to SAPD. The officers will be assigned to the TAG to provide uniformed support to their operation as well as work closely with school districts on prevention/intervention activities at local school districts in San Antonio that are affected by the growing impact of gangs crime and violence in schools.

The grant funds are distributed as follows: \$1,638,570 for SAPD, \$3,452,204 for all agencies shared resources including Software (\$1.4M), Building Lease (\$836k), and Network equipment (\$550k). The remaining \$994,682 will be utilized for other agency resources, including vehicles, school officers, and DPS Analysts.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No cash or in-kind match required. The grant is for up to \$6,500,000.00 for 12 months.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forwards this grant acceptance to the full City Council for approval. This item is scheduled for consideration in “A” Session on August 31, 2023.