



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:

San Antonio Police Department Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$843,000.

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in an amount not to exceed \$843,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; authorizing a cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match not to exceed \$82,000.00 from the Police Department's FY 2024 Budget. This grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations.

This grant acceptance was approved by the Public Safety Committee on August 15, 2023 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The STEP grant funds will pay for traffic enforcement and educational activity 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 grant will consist of an amount not to exceed \$843,000.00 from TxDOT, a City cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match of \$82,000.00. The total proposed program budget is \$1,190,000.00. 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.

This grant acceptance was approved by the Public Safety Committee on August 15, 2023 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$843,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; authorizes a cash match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind match not to exceed \$82,000.00 from the Police Department's FY 2024 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a program budget not to exceed \$1,190,000.00. The total proposed program budget includes grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$843,000.00, a General Fund cash-match of \$265,000.00 included in the FY 2024 Proposed Budget, and an in-kind contribution of \$82,000.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the fuel, maintenance, and repair of the vehicles used while performing grant activities, and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while performing grant activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this grant award.