



# 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:**

2023 Texas Department of Transportation Click It Or Ticket It Seat Belt Enforcement Grant

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds, from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the 2023 "Click It or Ticket" Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) seatbelt program. The grant is for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 with an in-kind match of \$8,750.00 for a total program of \$43,750.00 for the period of May 19, 2023, through June 7, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Police Department has been awarded the "Click It or Ticket" STEP seatbelt program for the past 20 years. The grant provides overtime resources to fund enforcement and education with the goal of increasing occupant seatbelt and child restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. This program enhances the Police Department's efforts in the enforcement of state traffic laws.

The 2022 Click It or Ticket program was conducted May 23, 2022 through June 5, 2022 and funded

430 enforcement hours resulting in 1,085 vehicle stops. A total of 264 citations were issued:

	<b>Click It Or Ticket May 23 – June 5, 2022</b>	<b>SAPD Calendar Year 2022</b>
<b>Safety Belt</b>	115	1,019
<b>Child Safety Seat</b>	4	482
<b>Speeding</b>	30	46,400
<b>Distracted Driving</b>	14	3,506
<b>Hazardous Moving Violation</b>	7	5,637
<b>Non-Hazardous Moving Violation</b>	94	27,128
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>84,172</b>

The grant application was approved through a Grant Application Authorization Form (GAAF) dated March 28, 2023 and presented to the Public Safety Committee on March 21, 2023. Notice of award was received on May 2, 2023.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs. The 2023 program from TxDOT will enhance the City's efforts in the enforcement of state traffic laws.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council could elect not to accept the grant; however, it would significantly limit the Department's ability to ensure compliance with state laws requiring the use of seat belts for motor vehicle operators and passengers. Additionally, not participating in this year's program may jeopardize opportunities for future TxDOT grants.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council accept grant funds from TxDOT to continue this significant public safety effort.