



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 a San Antonio Police Department supplemental grant award in an amount not to exceed \$357,000.00 for the FY24 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on a supplemental grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) FY 2024 Program in the amount of \$357,000.00.

On August 31, 2023, the City Council approved the acceptance of \$843,000 for the FY24 STEP Program for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The STEP grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving, and intersection related violations. The supplemental grant funds have been awarded to the San Antonio Police Department based on the results that

have been achieved by the Department utilizing the STEP Grant.

The STEP Grant approved in August 2023 required a cash match of \$265,000.00 (approved in the FY 2024 Budget) and an in-kind match of \$82,000.00. This supplemental award will not increase the match requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant provides 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.

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

On January 9, 2024, TxDOT notified the SAPD of the supplemental grant award.

ISSUE:

A briefing on a supplemental grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) FY 2024 Program in the amount of \$357,000.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The supplemental grant award of \$357,000.00 does not increase the match requirements of the existing grant. With this supplemental award the total program budget for FY 2024 is \$1,547,000 as shown in the table below:

| | Original Grant Allocation | Supplemental Grant | Total Program |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Grant Award | \$843,000 | \$357,000 | \$1,200,000 |
| City Cash Match | \$265,000 | | \$265,000 |
| City In-Kind Match | \$82,000 | | \$82,000 |
| Total | \$1,190,000 | \$357,000 | \$1,547,000 |

The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles used while performing grant activities (fuel, maintenance, and repairs.) 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 this supplemental grant to City Council for consideration at the “A” Session on February 29, 2024.