

DEPARTMENT: Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Community Policing Development (CPD) De-Escalation Training Grant.

SUMMARY:

Briefing and possible action on authorizing the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Community Policing Development (CPD) De-Escalation Training Grant for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$171,600.00. Funds will be used to expand de-escalation training, train more trainers, and purchase virtual reality system use of force simulators to train police officers. There are no match requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The San Antonio Police Department applied for, and has received, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office in the amount of \$171,600.00.

The grant will be used to purchase virtual reality simulators to train cadets and officers in developing de-escalation skills and address use of force scenarios. Additionally, the grant funds will allow training officers to attend nationally certified de-escalation train-the-trainer programs to build Department's internal capacity to provide de-escalation training to cadets and officers.

The grant is for a two (2) year period.

ISSUE:

The proposed ordinance continues the City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for programs which enhance training for Police Officers. This program from DOJ/COPS will expand the City's efforts in training officers in critical de-escalation skills in use of force incidents

ALTERNATIVES:

This item provides a briefing on a grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award consists of \$171,600.00 from DOJ/COPS and there is no cash or in-kind match required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee support the acceptance of the grant and forward the item to the full City Council for approval.