

# **FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program**



## **Public Safety Committee**

November 16, 2021

Presented by: William McManus, Chief of Police

# Background Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- First awarded in 2005
- Provisions require the City and Bexar County to submit joint application
- Funds will be used to continue the joint City/County Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program
- Purpose of the program is to conduct joint investigations of child sexual assault and abuse cases

# Grant Summary

- Total Grant Amount - \$864,255
  - Bexar County: 60% (\$518,553)
  - City of San Antonio: 40% (\$345,702)
- Grant Period: October 2020 – September 2024
- City's Portion funds 2 SAPD detectives assigned to the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program
- Bexar County portion funds various County positions in Drug Court, District Attorney's Office and Juvenile/Adult Probation Office

# Grant Summary

- Grant supports the joint City/County project called Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program
- Joint investigations are conducted with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Bexar County Housing and Human Services Department, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, and ChildSafe



# Performance Metrics

- Special Victims Unit investigates over 9,000 cases each year of which approximately 2,900 involve children
- Child-related Felony Cases Handled by Grant-funded Detectives

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
247	297	320	303	278

- For the period of 2017 to 2021, JAG Grant Detectives have handled 21% of the child-related felony cases investigated by the SAPD



# Recommendation

- Bexar County is the fiscal agent for this JAG grant
- An Interlocal Agreement between the City and Bexar County is needed for receipt of grant
- Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee supports the approval of the grant acceptance and the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County

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