



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:

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

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$171,600.00 from 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.

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/use of force simulators to train cadets and officers in developing de-escalation skills and address use of force scenarios. Additionally, the grant funds will allow Department 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 application was approved through a Grant Application Authorization Form (GAAF) dated July 22, 2021.

The Public Safety Committee was briefed on this item October 19, 2021.

ISSUE:

This ordinance accepts a grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office in the amount of \$171,600.00. This grant will be used to augment the City's efforts in training officers in critical de-escalation skills.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could elect to not accept the grant and forego the additional funding to augment de-escalation training for the San Antonio Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award is a one-time amount of \$171,600.00 from DOJ/COPS. There is no cash or in-kind match required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of this grant.