



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:

2022 Texas Department of Transportation Click It Or Ticket It Seat Belt Enforcement Grant

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds, not to exceed \$35,000.00, from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the 2022 "Click It Or Ticket" Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) seatbelt program. The grant period is from May 23, 2022 through June 5, 2022 and funding is for overtime salaries.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The grant award is for the 2022 "Click It Or Ticket" STEP seatbelt program. The \$35,000.00 grant will fund enforcement overtime from May 23, 2022 through June 5, 2022 with the goal of increasing occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. In addition to intense seatbelt and child restraint enforcement, state-wide public information and education activities will be conducted by TxDOT during the enforcement period. This will be the twentieth (20th) year that TxDOT has offered this grant to the San Antonio Police Department. The ordinance will also establish a total budget of \$43,768.00 which includes grant funds of \$35,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$8,768.00.

The grant application was approved through a Grant Application Authorization Form (GAAF) dated February 14, 2022.

ISSUE:

This ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs. The 2022 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:

The ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$35,000.00 from TxDOT and authorizes an in-kind match of \$8,768.00. The total proposed program budget is \$43,768.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles (fuel, maintenance, repairs, etc.) used while performing grant activities and the administrative salary of personnel to manage the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council accept grant funds from TxDOT.