



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:

San Antonio Police Department Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$843,000.

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount not to exceed \$843,000 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; authorizing a cash match of \$265,000, and an in-kind match not to exceed \$77,500 from the Police Department's FY 2023 Budget. This grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving and intersection related violations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The STEP grant funds will pay for traffic enforcement and education initiatives 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 grant will consist of an amount not to exceed \$843,000 from TxDOT, a City cash match of \$265,000, and an in-kind match of \$77,500.00. The total proposed program budget is \$1,185,500. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles used while performing grant activities such as fuel, maintenance, and repairs.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount not to exceed \$843,000 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; authorizes a cash match of \$265,000, and an in-kind match not to exceed \$77,500 from the Police Department's FY 2023 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

This grant enhances the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) efforts to combat incidences of DWI, speeding, occupant protection, distracted driving and intersection related violations. No other grants are available for a similar program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a program budget not to exceed \$1,185,500. The total proposed program budget includes grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$843,000. FY 2023 General Fund cash-match of \$265,000.00, and an in-kind contribution of \$77,500.00. The City's in-kind contribution will come from the cost of the vehicles used while performing grant activities such as fuel, maintenance, and repairs, and the cost of court appearances by officers who make arrests while performing grant activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this grant award.