



# 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:**

The San Antonio Police Department grant application for the FY24 First Responder Mental Health Program

**SUMMARY:**

A briefing from the San Antonio Police Department on an application submission for a First Responder Mental Health grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$705,000.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The purpose of this grant is to provide services and assistance directly to peace officers and first responders to address direct and indirect trauma that occurs in the course of their normal duties either as the result of the commission of crimes by other persons or in response to an emergency.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide a confidential, specialized, evidence-based approach to treating and reducing stress for officers and first responders;
- Improve coping mechanism/strategies;
- Increase morale and productivity; and
- Reduce the stigma associated with seeking help by providing safe, effective, and confidential services.

If awarded, the grant will fund overtime and training to augment the SAPD's efforts to promote officer wellness and will support direct services for officers that aid and respond to immediate emotional, psychological, physical health, and safety issues. This grant does not require a cash match or an in-kind match. The grant covers a period not to exceed 12 months, and if awarded it must commence on or after October 1, 2023.

**ISSUE:**

Briefing and possible action on the First Responder Mental Health Grant from the Office of the Governor to support the mental health and wellbeing of law enforcement personnel in the amount of \$705,000.00.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant does not require a cash match.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This grant application provides an opportunity for SAPD to augment efforts Police Officers mental health programs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the grant, if awarded, be moved to the full City Council for approval.