



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

2023 Texas Department of Transportation Operation Slowdown Grant

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on the submission and acceptance, if awarded of grant funds not to exceed \$35,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the 2023 "Operation Slowdown" grant program. The grant period is from July 14, 2023, through July 30, 2023, and funding is for overtime salaries. The program budget totals \$43,750.00 which includes grant funds of \$35,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$8,750.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This is the second year the City of San Antonio has been offered the "Operation Slowdown" grant with the goal of reducing speed-related serious bodily injuries and fatality crashes. For the 2022 "Operating Slowdown" program, which funded 325 hours of enforcement activity between June

7, 2022 and June 21, 2022 and resulted in 810 vehicle stops and a total of 320 citations being issued.

	Operation Slowdown June 7 -21, 2022
Safety Belt	5
Child Safety Seat	1
Speeding	193
Distracted Driving	2
Hazardous Moving Violation	24
Non-Hazardous Violation	95
TOTAL	320

ISSUE:

This item provides a briefing on the submission and acceptance, if awarded of grant funds in an amount up to \$35,000.00 from TxDOT for the 2023 Operation Slowdown Program. The \$35,000.00 grant will fund enforcement overtime from July 14, 2023, through July 30, 2023, with the goal of reducing speed-related serious bodily injuries and fatality crashes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The program budget totals \$43,750.00 which includes grant funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$8,750.00. In-kind match will consist of indirect cost and motor vehicle maintenance.

ALTERNATIVES:

This funding supports the Police Department's efforts in reducing speed-related serious bodily injuries and fatality crashes. Not participating in this year's program may jeopardize opportunities for future TxDOT grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee support the application and acceptance of the grant and forward the item to the full City Council.