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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program Grant

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on a grant application to the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) for funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to fund services surrounding officer emotional and mental health, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family assistance in the amount of \$175,000.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The mission of the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) is to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and

other promising practices for wellness programs.

As part of the act, Congress authorized the COPS Office to fund state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services on officer emotional and mental health, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services.

The LEMHWA program will enhance the efforts of the newly formed San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Wellness Unit which focuses on identifying programs, services and resources designed to promote officer wellness.

ISSUE:

This item provides a briefing on a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant application not to exceed \$175,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to fund services surrounding officer emotional and mental health, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family assistance. The estimated cost for this grant is \$175,000.00 with no cash or in-kind match required for the period beginning October 2, 2023 to September 31, 2025 contingent upon budget approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item provides a briefing on a grant application.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee supports the application of the grant. If awarded, this item will be scheduled for consideration at a future "A" Session.