CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

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THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT:

Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Intensity Drug

Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Supplemental Grant Acceptance

DATE:

October 24, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designated representative to accept an Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$49,536 for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. The amount of the supplemental grant will be added to the current project, bringing the total project budget to \$1,247,682.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

City Ordinance No. 95481, dated March 21, 2002, originally authorized the funding for this grant. This supplemental grant will increase the sixth year grant funding of the HIDTA Multi-Agency Drug Courier & Apprehension Task Force.

The HIDTA mission is to reduce drug trafficking in the San Antonio metropolitan area by instituting innovative narcotic enforcement investigations and seizing illegally obtained assets in an effort to reduce the profitability of narcotics trafficking.

This supplemental grant will pay for lease and utility charges for the U.S. Customs Office element when it assumes the space vacated by the Director's Administrative Support Element, located at 7461 Callaghan Road. The Director's Office is moving because part of its function is to host seminars and classes for various HIDTA units throughout Texas, and this location has restricted access and limited parking. The U.S. Customs Office will utilize the space to help reduce current over crowding of office personnel.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs addressing drug crime activity. This program will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with narcotics trafficking.

FISCAL IMPACT

The amount of the supplemental grant is \$49,536. If the grant is approved, no General Fund cash match will be required. The amount of the supplemental grant will be added to the current project, bringing the total budget to \$1,247,682.

COORDINATION

This ordinance request has been coordinated with Asset Management, Finance, City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Management & Budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

Albert A. Ortiz

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Approved:

Terry M. Brechtel

City Manager