

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Application

DATE: August 21, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her representative to apply for a \$621,302 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. If awarded, the grant requires a \$69,034 local matching contribution.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since 1996, the Department of Justice has awarded the City an LLEBG. Past grants have funded four new police helicopters, new patrol cars, and radar units used by police officers to patrol school zones and other speeding hot spots citywide. With previous years' grants, the City has been able to leverage \$7,121,642 in federal dollars with only \$824,265 in local contributions.

Funds are awarded on the basis of the average of the last three years of violent crimes as reported to the FBI on the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). As a result, large disparities sometimes exist between awards to large cities and their corresponding counties. The Federal enabling legislation contains a provision that allows a state's attorney general to certify selected jurisdictions as disparate. The City and Bexar County are in this category. For the first three years the grant was awarded, the Texas State Attorney General (SAG) chose not to make the certification. However, since 1999, the SAG has certified San Antonio and Bexar County as disparate jurisdictions, and the City and County grants have been combined and split with 50% of the total going to each agency. Again, this year, both agencies have agreed to the 50% split. The grant will be used to purchase additional police equipment including a new Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) unit for the Police Helicopter Detail, three additional aggressive driving cars, video and audio equipment for taping felony confessions, and 24 hand held radar units for the Police Substations.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The proposed ordinance continues City Council policy of seeking financial assistance from outside sources for law enforcement programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

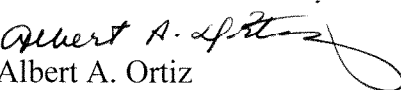
A matching contribution of \$69,034 is required and will be provided utilizing Asset Seizure Funds.


COORDINATION

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

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.


Albert A. Ortiz
Chief of Police


J. Rolando Bono
Deputy City Manager

Approved:


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager