

**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

COPIES: Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager; File

SUBJECT: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Click It Or Ticket Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

DATE: April 29, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the City Manager, or her designated representative, to accept an \$82,486 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for the "Click It Or Ticket" Selective Traffic Enforcement Program seat belt and child safety seat enforcement program to be administered by the San Antonio Police Department.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Department of Transportation did not require agencies to apply for the "Click It Or Ticket" grant. Instead, grants are awarded by virtue of their prior year activity and overall need based on their criteria. On April 1, 2004 the Texas Department of Transportation provided the San Antonio Police Department with the documentation and appropriate forms to accept a grant for a seat belt and child safety seat enforcement program. This grant will fund overtime efforts to insure compliance with state laws requiring the use of seat belts and child safety seats for motor vehicle operators and passengers. The goal of this grant program is to increase the seat belt usage rate to 85% nationwide.

This third year grant will provide for the payment of overtime and administrative costs incurred during the grant period of May 24 through June 6, 2004. The first year grant was for \$145,000 and the second year grant was for \$185,000. In years 1 and 2 the Grant covered a period extending over two City Fiscal years by including the Memorial Day holiday as well as the Thanksgiving holiday. TxDOT has modified their grant periods to coincide with the City's Fiscal Year. The grant for the Thanksgiving Holiday will be awarded later in the year.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs. The program from TxDOT will enhance the City's efforts in the enforcement of state traffic laws.

FISCAL IMPACT

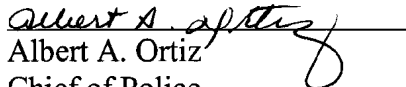
The program budget totals \$82,486 and does not require an in-kind or cash match.

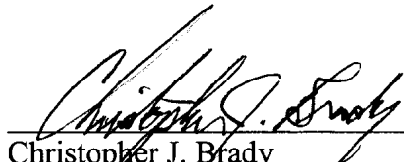
COORDINATION

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

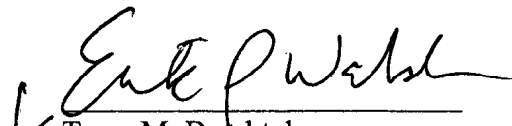
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.


Albert A. Ortiz
Chief of Police


Christopher J. Brady
Assistant City Manager

Approved:


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager