

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
AVIATION DEPARTMENT
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin C. Dolliole, Aviation Director

COPIES: J. Rolando Bono, Legal, Finance, Budget and Management, File

SUBJECT: Grant Acceptance from the Transportation Security Administration for one additional Explosives Detection Canine Team Program at San Antonio International Airport

DATE: May 13, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance amends City Ordinance 98261, passed on October 2, 2003, and authorizes the acceptance of a reimbursement grant in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for reimbursement of expenses incurred due to increased participation in the TSA Explosives Detection Canine Team Program. This ordinance also authorizes the appropriation of said funds, the revision of the fiscal year 2004 grant budget for this program, and increases the position complement in the Airport Operating Fund by one Airport Police Officer. This Program increases the number of canine teams from three to four.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On October 2, 2003, City Ordinance 98261 was passed, authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$120,500.00 for reimbursement of the San Antonio International Airport's participation in the TSA Explosives Detection Canine Team Program for FY 2004. This program was designed to assist airports in explosives detection by providing canines, training for both personnel and canines, and reimbursement of operating expenses up to \$40,000.00 per team annually. San Antonio International Airport first participated in this program in May 2002 under City Ordinance 95714.

Currently, the San Antonio International Airport operates three teams for a total of \$120,500.00, which provide canine team utilization at the San Antonio International Airport with a 24-hour per day, 7-day per week response. The TSA-certified canine teams can also be utilized outside the airport environment, to respond to emergencies throughout the city of San Antonio, for up to 20 % of their duty time, annually.

Passage of this ordinance will allow the San Antonio International Airport to establish a fourth team to assist with TSA mandated baggage screening, terminal and vehicle screening, aircraft searches and perimeter patrols. This additional team is needed due to the extensive training requirements for the teams, the number of cargo and terminal areas, and the parking garage expansion.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The ordinance supports Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations, as provided in Public Law 107.71 of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act of November 2001, which calls for increased security measures pertaining to explosives detection at airports. This ordinance is also consistent with City Council policy for utilizing federal and state funds to improve City services.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance will allow for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 associated with the TSA Explosives Detection Canine Team Program. Any additional expenses not covered by this grant will be provided through the Airport Operating budget.

COORDINATION

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

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

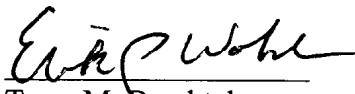
No Financial Disclosure is required for this action.



Kevin C. Dolliole
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Budget

2002 - 2003 Airport K-9 Grant

TSA Award # DTFA0102A02101

October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004

Project No.: 26-059201

Activity No.: 33-02-08

Fund Only Index No. 000552

Char.	Object	Index	DESCRIPTION	Current	Revised	Revised Total
REVENUES						
00	004	040188	Transportation Security	120,500	40,000	
TOTAL REVENUES				\$120,500	\$40,000	\$160,500
EXPENDITURES						
01	010	441071	Salaries	88,600	9,584	98,184
01	030	441337	FICA/Social Security	6,800	733	7,533
01	040	441956	TMRS	10,500	1,094	11,594
01	050	441964	Flex Benefits	13,100	1,636	14,736
01	051	441972	Life Insurance	200	14	214
Total Personal Services				\$119,200	\$13,061	\$132,261
03	218	441980	Animal Feed	1,050	100	1,150
03	228	441998	Flea & Heartworm meds	250	83	333
Total Commodities				\$1,300	\$183.00	\$1,483
05	372	449959	Mach & Equip - Automotive		19,756	19,756
05	373	449967	Mach & Equip - Other (kennels, radi		7,000	7,000
Total Capital Outlay				\$0	\$26,756	\$26,756
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$120,500	\$40,000	\$160,500



**Transportation
Security
Administration**

April 5, 2004

Dom Smith, Assistant Aviation Director
San Antonio International Airport
9800 Airport Blvd., M063
San Antonio TX 78216-4697

Dear Assistant Director Smith,

I am in receipt of your letter, dated February 2, 2004, and an Interoffice Memorandum from Federal Security Director Leopoldo Vasquez, dated February 6, 2004, requesting an additional TSA-certified canine team for future use at San Antonio International Airport. I apologize for the delay in responding to your correspondence.

Your request for an additional team is approved based upon your focus on cargo initiatives and your overall security requirements. Funding will be based upon the selection of your fourth handler. Once you have selected the fourth handler I will initiate the appropriate paperwork through our contracting officer to provide an additional \$40,000.00 for FY04 funding. Please let me know as soon as possible once your selection is made so that we can get your handler(s) in the next available TSA Explosives Detection Canine Handler Course in San Antonio Texas.

Thank you for your support of the TSA National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program. I appreciate the partnership we share with the San Antonio International Airport and across the Nation.

Please feel free to contact Tom Taaffe, National Canine Coordinator, at 571-227-1269, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DK", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David R. Kontny
Director, National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program

cc: FCC SAT – C. Brown
FSD SAT – L. Vasquez
CSB – K. Viator

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