

**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: Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$68,635 grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for Project EASE

DATE: August 19, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a \$68,635 grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for Project Educate, Assess, Serve and Empower (EASE), specifying the grant's Authorized Official, specifying a City In-kind match of \$17,159, and to include language as required by the Texas Administrative Code, Subchapter D, Section 3.2021.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of Project EASE is to increase the participation of victims of crime, who are deaf, in the San Antonio Police Department Victims Advocacy Section (VAS) program, and enhance services to these victims through an outreach program that will provide case management, education, a support group and culturally appropriate communication. This is the third year of funding for the project. First year funding, totaled \$91,060, and second year funding totaled \$60,910.

The project will utilize professional contractors and computerized teleconferencing services, supervised and administered by current Victims Advocacy Section staff, to provide services to victims of violent crime who are deaf.

CJD requires:

- The naming of the "Authorized Official" and language indicating that the named official "has the power to accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant". For this grant it will be the Assistant City Manager, Christopher J. Brady.
- Specification of the match amount and type. The total match amount is \$17,159. CJD considers the \$16,949 in existing staff time as a "cash" match although the City considers it an "in-kind" match. The \$210 in volunteer hours is considered an "in-kind" match by both parties.

- Specific language that in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and victims' assistance programs. The program will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with victims of violent crime who are hearing impaired.

FISCAL IMPACT

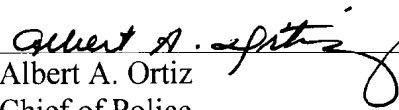
Grant funds in the amount of \$68,635 will be provided by the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. The City will contribute matching funds of \$16,949 in existing staff time and \$210 through volunteer hours.

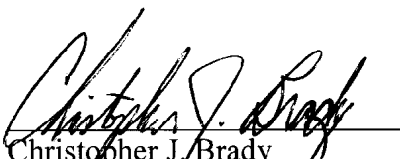
COORDINATION

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