

**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 Request Ratifying the Actions of Staff in Submitting a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

DATE: August 19, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of this ordinance is to ratify the actions of staff in submitting a \$164,819 grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The grant will fund the Methamphetamine Training Initiative which will enhance methamphetamine-related prevention, enforcement, and education.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June 22, 2004, the San Antonio Police Department received a fax from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services extending an invitation to apply for a Methamphetamine Training Initiative grant. A full grant application package was received by the San Antonio Police Department's Narcotics Unit on July 21, 2004. It stated that the completed grant application was due back to the COPS office by July 30, 2004. Due to the late arrival of the application packet and the July 30 due date, this item could not be scheduled for City Council consideration prior to the deadline.

The mission of the Methamphetamine Training Initiative is to reduce the growing trend of methamphetamine production and use in the San Antonio metropolitan area by implementing programs in enforcement, prevention, and education.

The San Antonio Police Department has noticed an increasing trend in the number of clandestine methamphetamine labs. In 2002, the San Antonio Police Department's Narcotics Unit encountered twenty-five (25) operational methamphetamine labs and seized 4,326 grams of methamphetamines with a street value of \$389,340. In 2003, the Narcotics Unit encountered twenty-seven (27) methamphetamine labs and seized 4,243 grams of methamphetamines with a

street value of \$381,870. For the first half of 2004, the Narcotics Unit has encountered nineteen (19) methamphetamine labs and seized 1,134 grams of methamphetamines with a street value of \$102,060. While the volume of methamphetamine seized has been fairly level, there has been a rise in the number of clandestine labs. Methamphetamine labs are a danger to the community because of the toxic chemicals used in the production of methamphetamines.

The grant targets methamphetamine production by intelligence gathering to identify repeat offenders and common locations of labs, better training for the Department's investigators designed to improve their skills in investigating methamphetamine labs, preparing cases for prosecution, and to re-certify investigators. It also helps to develop a partnership with the community by increasing public knowledge of methamphetamine production and use. This will result in more effective prosecution that will in turn reduce the production and use of methamphetamine within our jurisdiction.

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 methamphetamine use and production in our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

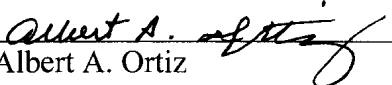
The program budget totals \$164,819. A General Fund cash match is not required.

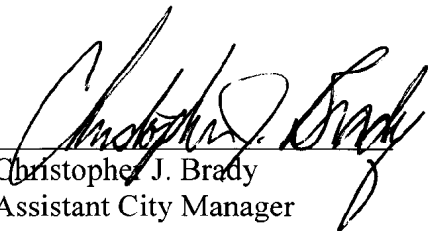
COORDINATION

This ordinance request has been coordinated with the Finance Department, 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

PROPOSED BUDGET

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Methamphetamine Training Initiative

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Personal Services	\$ 24,735
Contractual Services	\$ 81,814
Commodities	\$ 24,770
Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 33,500</u>
TOTAL	\$164,819