

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
AVIATION DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**ITEM NO. 45**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Roland A. Lozano, Interim Aviation Director

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

**DATE:** September 29, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a reimbursement grant in an amount not to exceed \$160,500.00 from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for the continuation of the TSA Explosives Detection Canine Team Program during Fiscal Year 2006. This ordinance also authorizes the appropriation of said funds, and establishes a budget to cover the costs associated with the operation of four Canine Teams at San Antonio International Airport.

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 Fiscal Year 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. An additional \$500.00 is provided for one of the Officers to attend the yearly TSA Explosives Detection Canine Team Program Seminar. San Antonio International Airport first participated in this program in May 2002 under City Ordinance 95714 with a total of three teams.

City Ordinance 99181, approved May 13, 2004, operating a fourth team, with increased funding from the TSA for a total amount of \$160,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2004. Participation in this Program continued in Fiscal Year 2005 approved by City Ordinance 99840, dated October 7, 2004. The Agreement provides canine team utilization at the San Antonio International Airport with a 24-hour per day, 7-day per week response. The four teams assist with TSA mandated baggage screening, terminal and vehicle screening, aircraft, parking and cargo area searches, as well as perimeter patrols. 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 annual duty time. An estimated \$160,500.00 will be collected for Fiscal Year 2005. Approval of this ordinance will allow the San Antonio International Airport to continue this program during Fiscal Year 2006.

## **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 \$160,500.00 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, and the Finance Department.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

No Financial Disclosure is required for this action.

  
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Interim Aviation Director