

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

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
FROM: Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) DWI Grant
DATE: February 16, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An ordinance ratifying the submission of an application and authorizing the acceptance of a \$500,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the DWI Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for the grant period October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007, and authorizing an in-kind match of \$253,011 and a cash match of \$16,215.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This grant is currently in its fifth year. The grant application will provide funding to continue the DWI STEP, which expands the Police Department's efforts at combating the incidence of DWI, as well as DWI-related accidents. Activity will be conducted with existing officers assigned to the program on an overtime basis and will be funded by the grant. The sixth year in-kind match (\$253,011) will fund overtime costs of officers making court appearances for DWI cases related to the grant activity. The cash match (\$16,215) will fund officer overtime salaries for grant enforcement activity in the program. Prior year funding from TxDOT has been consistent at \$500,000 per year. In prior years the match requirement was set at 10%. This is the first year that TxDOT requires a 35% match.

The grant application was due on February 2, 2006. Due to the short notice and the need to modify the grant to incorporate a new and higher in-kind match, the request for approval for the submitting of this grant could not be done prior to the deadline.

This action does not obligate any funds and acceptance of the grant, if awarded, will be contingent upon City Council approval.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs. The TxDOT program will

enhance the City's efforts in dealing with the incidence of DWI, as well as DWI-related accidents.

FISCAL IMPACT

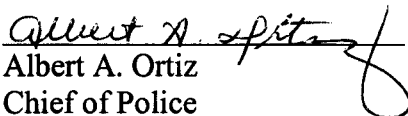
The fifth year program budget totals \$769,226, including the \$253,011 of in-kind contributions and \$16,215 in cash contributions from the Police Department General Fund. A detailed budget is attached. Acceptance of the grant will be contingent upon City Council funding the cash match requirements in the FY 2007 budget process.


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.


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Erik J. Walsh
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Approved for Council Consideration:


Sheryl Sculley
City Manager