

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/13/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0443

LOG NAME: 35FY26 TXDOT COMPREHENSIVE STEP GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant to Occur in Fiscal Year 2026, in an Amount Up to \$428,000.00, Authorize Transfer in an Amount Up to \$86,000.00 from the Crime Control Prevention District Fund for the City's Match Requirement, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant to occur in fiscal year 2026 in an amount up to \$428,000.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2026 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in amounts up to (1) \$342,000.00 subject to the award and receipt of grant, and (2) \$86,000.00, as a transfer from the Crime Control Prevention District Fund that will be included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to satisfy the City's match requirement, for a total amount up to \$428,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Texas Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2026 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grants are aimed at reducing the number of vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities. The TXDOT STEP grant will pay for overtime hours of the officers participating in the program. TXDOT STEP grant activities include enforcement of speed, seatbelts, impaired driving, and intersection traffic control laws.

The total proposed program amount for Fiscal Year 2026 is an amount up to \$428,000.00, which includes an amount up to \$86,000.00, in match funds. The required minimum amount of match funds is 20%. Funds will be budgeted for overtime and associated fringe benefits for an estimated 3,600 enforcement hours with an additional estimated 100 hours for administering the grant. The grant will also fund an estimated 90 hours of public information and education events.

Matching funds will be provided through the Fiscal Year 2026 Crime Prevention Control District budgeting process. Should match funding not be identified, the grant award would not be accepted.

Indirect costs are allowed and will be accepted at 3.51% and an estimated cost of \$9,200.00. The Grants Application Repository Number is GRNT-APPL-0000000124.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: State of Texas

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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