

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/13/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0448

LOG NAME: 35FY25 TXDOT OPERATION SLOWDOWN

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to Occur in Fiscal Year 2025 in an Amount Up to \$17,000.00, Authorize Transfer in an Amount Up to \$3,400.00 from the General Fund for the City's Match Requirement, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$17,000.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2025 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance reallocating appropriations in the General Fund for the Police Department by decreasing appropriations from Salary and Benefits category in an amount up to \$3,400.00 and increasing appropriations in the Transfers & Other category by the same amount, for the purpose of transferring to the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the City's match requirement; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund (1) in an amount up to \$13,600.00 subject to award and receipt of grant, and (2) in an amount up to \$3,400.00, as a transfer from the General Fund, as the City's match requirement, for a total amount up to \$17,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2025 Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown (Operation Slowdown) grant is aimed at reducing the number of vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities due to speed. The goal is to save lives and reduce injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes. In doing so, warnings or citations can be given to the drivers but the focus is to influence them to slow down and not necessarily write citations. Although, it's at the officer's discretion to decide what action he or she will take. In this campaign, we discourage the use of radar and encourage officers to slow roll through traffic.

Operation Slowdown features a 2-week mobilization period which is July 18, 2025 through August 3, 2025 and is an overtime-only opportunity. The grant pays for regular overtime and fringe (retirement and FICA).

Award of this grant and receipt of funds will occur in Fiscal Year 2025. The total grant is in an amount up to \$17,000.00 which includes an amount up to \$3,400.00 match. A local match of at least 20% is required. The Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund budget will be used to meet this match requirement. Indirect costs are allowable and will be charged at the current approved rate of 3.51% and an estimated cost of \$315.00. This is a reimbursement grant. The Grant Application Repository Number is GRNT-APPL-0000000122.

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 attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current 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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