

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/19/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0215

LOG NAME: 35FY25 TXDOT STEP COMPREHENSIVE GRANT UPDATED

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 2025, in an Amount Up to \$285,120.00, 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 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$285,120.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2025 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund up to \$285,120.00 subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the Texas Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2025 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 direct program amount for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$356,400.00, which includes \$71,280.00 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 3,000 enforcement hours with an additional estimate of 120 hours for administering the grant. The grant will also fund overtime for public information and education events.

Matching funds will be provided through the Fiscal Year 2025 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 10% de minimis.

This Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) ratifies the submission of the grant that was due on January 4th, 2024. Ratification is necessary due to the internal review and approval process for new grants prior to getting M&C approval and meeting the grant application deadline. The City Manager's Office was consulted prior to the application to determine the appropriateness of proceeding with a ratified grant application.

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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