

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 01/13/26

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0033

LOG NAME: 35FY27 TXDOT COMPREHENSIVE STEP GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant to Occur in Fiscal Year 2027, in an Amount Up to \$428,000.00, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Authorize Transfer in an Amount Up to \$86,000.00 from the Crime Control Prevention District Fund for the City's Match Requirement

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Apply for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Comprehensive Grant to occur in Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027 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 2027 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 2027 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 2027 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 3,500 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 2027 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-0000000160.

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 2027 Budget by City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2027 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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