

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/09/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0293

LOG NAME: 35FY24 TXDOT OPERATION SLOWDOWN GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant to Occur in Fiscal Year 2024, in an Amount Up to \$12,000.00, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Apply for, and acceptance of, if awarded, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$12,000.00;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2024 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Operation Slowdown Grant; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Funds, in the amount of \$12,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the Texas Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2024 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 19, 2024 through August 4, 2024 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 2024. The total grant is \$15,000.00 that includes a \$3,000.00 match. A local match of at least 20% is required. The Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund budget will be used to meet this match requirement. Indirect costs are allowable up to 10%. This is a reimbursement grant.

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 ordinance, 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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