



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3503, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

11/14/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department program titled Special Operations EOD Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$76,568 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. A City funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

September 10, 2019 Approved of the City's budget for FY2019-2020, which included grant funding from State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for APD program titled Special Operations EOD (Explosive Ordinance Device) Project.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$76,568 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020.

From 2012 - 2017, the APD Bomb Squad (EOD) responded to 282 in-city calls and 142 regional calls for immediate assistance. EOD response callouts and sweeps involve suspicious package identification and rendering safe the many types of devices that could cause loss of life and property damage. CJD funding will allow the City to purchase two cutter attachment kits, two fixed station kits for the portability and setup of power cutters, and two remote control kits for the remote operation of the power cutters.

This is a one-time equipment only project.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses items one through four below.

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

