



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3044, Agenda Item #: 48.

9/29/2022

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 Project Safe Neighborhoods program.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Project Safe Neighborhoods (West) Program for the project period of October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. A City funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

September 3, 2020 - This item was withdrawn on consent on Council Member Pool's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garza's second on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$127,358 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023.

The goals of this program are to improve the local criminal justice system and foster safer neighborhoods through APD's existing partnerships with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas. Project objectives are to implement quality curriculum that meets the needs of Charlie Sector Austinites experiencing violence, build community capacity to de-escalate conflict to prevent violence, and to implement evidence-based strategies aimed at reducing violent crime, including the enforcement of gun laws, and prioritizing efforts focused on identified subsets of individuals. With PSN funding for officer overtime operations (Charlie Sector), key personnel will employ multiple intervention strategies over the 12-month project period. In addition, funding will allow the City's Office of Violence Prevention to contract for de-escalation train-the-trainer programming. 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 the Public Safety Office (PSO) 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 the PSO 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 PSO.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety