



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2350, **Agenda Item #:** 56.

9/21/2023

### 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 in the amount of \$135,187 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program (West) for the project period of October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024. A match is not required.

### Prior Council Action:

September 29, 2022 - This item was withdrawn on consent on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Vela's second on an 8-0 vote.

September 19, 2019 - Council approved Resolution 20190919-040, authorizing the acceptance of a previous PSN award 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 \$135,187 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.

Under this award, investigators and prosecutors will identify those who are driving violent crime and precipitous gun crimes, and will work closely with federal and local partners to ensure that offenders, including local gang members and affiliates, are prosecuted. Funding in the amount of \$135,187 will cover the overtime expenses of one enforcement shift per week (1,820 overtime hours over the 12-month grant term) to reduce target crimes and improve prosecution outcomes. Operations will take place citywide in areas with disproportionate levels of violent crime and weapons and/or gang involvement. PSN enforcement teams, comprised of sworn team members (typically six officers/detectives and one sergeant supervisor) will work five-hour shifts at an approximate cost of \$2,599.75 per shift. The partnership will employ evidence-based strategies that target high-risk micro-places.

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.