

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution and the ratification of the submission of a grant application to the Department of Transportation through the Texas Traffic Program's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) of up to \$80,242.65 to fund salaries and equipment and authorizing the City Manager to accept funds and execute all contract documents associated with the grant, if awarded.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

City staff has submitted a grant application for up to \$80,242.65 through the Texas Department of Transportation's Texas Traffic Program for the operation of a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The objectives of this program are to: 1) increase effective enforcement and adjudication of traffic safety-related laws to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries; 2) reduce the number of alcohol impaired and driving under the influence of alcohol and other drug-related crashes, injuries and fatalities; 3) increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks; 4) reduce the number of speed-related crashes, injuries and fatalities; and 5) reduce intersection-related motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities.

All grant awarded funds must be used to fund salaries and equipment necessary to operate the program for one year. \$66,988.17 is reimbursable from the STEP program and the City is responsible for 20.24% which equals \$13,254.48. The City will receive notification in August 2018 of any grant award.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

X	Yes	City Plan/Council Priority	Strategic Priorities: Public Safety: Continue to ensure the protection of citizens' live and property and Infrastructure: Use a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, the \$13,254.48 match requirement will be met with existing positions, salary and benefit costs, contractual services and equipment included in the FY 2019 operating budget. And, additional revenue will be generated through the increased issuance of citations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution and the ratification of the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation through the Texas Traffic Programs' Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for up to \$80,242.65 and authorizing the City Manager to accept funds and to execute all contract documents associated with the grant, if awarded.