

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution; a ratification for an application submitted for funding offered by the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Traffic Safety Program's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - Comprehensive FY 2022 grant; and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in matters as required by the grant.

DEPARTMENT: Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Not applicable.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The New Braunfels' City Council strategic priorities include using a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs. As such, Staff submitted an application on behalf of the New Braunfels Police Department for a Texas Traffic Safety Program's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - Comprehensive (STEP-COMP) FY 2022 grant issued by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administrated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The requested grant funding will support the City's operation of a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) with the purpose of reducing crashes and crash-related injuries and deaths caused by motor vehicles. FY 2022 priorities for STEP-COMP include, but are not limited to, the enforcement of Intersection Traffic Control, Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, Distracted Driving, and Speed.

All awarded STEP-COMP grant funds must be used to pay for salaries of the officers performing traffic-related law enforcement for the program from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. City staff applied for a total amount of \$59,830, of which the granting agency will reimburse eligible costs for up to 80%. With the City's provision of a minimum of 20% as a match requirement, the total cost to the City will be approximately \$12,673.

The application was approved by the agency on August 24, 2021; therefore, Staff is requesting City Council approval for a resolution, ratification of the grant application, and authorization for the City Manager to accept funds and to execute all contract documents associated with the award of the grant.

ISSUE:

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City's match requirement of approximately \$12,673 will be met with salary and benefit costs for existing positions included in the FY 2022 operating budget. Also, additional revenue will be generated through the increased issuance of citations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution; a ratification for an application submitted for funding offered by the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Traffic Safety Program's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - Comprehensive FY 2022 grant; and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in matters as required by the grant.