

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution; ratification for the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Program Year 2025 to request funding for the purchase of drive over scales for commercial motor vehicles; and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the grant if awarded.

DEPARTMENT: Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

New Braunfels' City Council strategic priorities include using a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs. As such, Staff recently submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Program Year 2025, as administered by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, to request funding on behalf of the New Braunfels Police Department (NBPD) for the purchase of drive over scales for commercial motor vehicles.

If awarded, the grant will provide funding to purchase portable drive over scales that will support the enforcement of vehicle weight limitations for commercial motor vehicles (CMVs), such as dump trucks and semi-trucks with trailers, by NBPD's Traffic Division. In accordance with Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, a CMV must be operated within required weight regulations for the protection of motorists and roadway surfaces as, per the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, there is a dangerous increase of risk of crashes resulting in fatalities, injuries, and property damage when a CMV exceeds its allowable payload. The proposed project will allow NBPD to obtain the necessary equipment, including rugged storage containers within select NBPD vehicles, to initiate and implement commercial vehicle enforcement.

City staff recently submitted a grant application for a total amount of \$75,000. The granting agency will provide funds for 100% of the total amount therefore, there is no City-match requirement.

If approved, the grant will be awarded by September 2024.

Staff is also requesting City Council approval of a resolution, as required by the granting agency, that will authorize our City Manager to act as the authorized official on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant. The designated authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

ISSUE:

Submission of the aforementioned grant application supports the City's Strategic Priorities as follows:
Use a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The granting agency will provide reimbursement of all awarded costs; there is no City-match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution; ratification for the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Program Year 2025 to request funding for the purchase of drive over scales for commercial motor vehicles; and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the grant if awarded.