



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Briefing and possible action on a grant not to exceed \$500,000.00 from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) grant titled High Priority-Commercial Motor Vehicle (HP-CMV) program.

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) grant titled High Priority-Commercial Motor Vehicle (HP-CMV) Program. The grant period will be from the date of award through September 30, 2022. This grant, not to exceed \$500,000.00, will help augment the San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) effort to combat aggressive driving behaviors of both passenger and commercial motor vehicle drivers through enforcement and public information and education. This grant will also increase enforcement of commercial motor vehicles safety inspections including driver qualifications by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. This grant requires an in-kind match not to exceed \$88,301, and the total budget of the grant will be will \$588,301.

The acceptance of this grant is scheduled for City Council consideration in "A" Session on September 17, 2020.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division is dedicating funds for traffic safety projects such as the High Priority-Commercial Motor Vehicle enforcement program.

The major objectives of the program are to reduce the number and severity of crashes involving commercial

motor vehicles through enforcement and education. The Police Department will increase public awareness of dangerous driving behaviors that cause collisions between motor vehicles by utilizing High-Visibility Enforcement (HVE) strategies that combine enforcement, publicity and visibility elements in an attempt to modify aggressive driving behaviors. Additional enforcement will take place in the form of Department of Transportation (DOT) commercial motor vehicle inspections. These inspections will ensure that both the commercial motor vehicles and the drivers are meeting all Federal and State regulations. The grant would provide funding for overtime and training for Officers.

This will be the sixth year that the SAPD has been awarded funding for Commercial Motor Vehicle enforcement. Previous awards were:

2010 - \$75,000
2011 - \$327,500
2012 - \$740,372
2013 - \$862,912
2014 - \$568,215

In-kind contribution will be through credit of existing staff time to administer the grant, and mileage for vehicles used in the grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no General Fund cash match associated with this grant. The City's in-kind contribution of \$88,301.00 will be covered from the mileage and maintenance from the vehicles used during enforcement and the administrative costs of personnel to manage the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forwards this grant to full City Council for approval and acceptance. This item is scheduled for consideration in "A" Session on September 17, 2020.