

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT: 2021 Texas Department of Transportation Click It Or Ticket It Seat Belt Enforcement Grant

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds, from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the 2021 "Click It Or Ticket" Wave 2 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) seatbelt program. The grant amount is for \$35,000 with an in-kind match of \$8,750 for a total of \$43,750 for the period of May 21, 2021, through June 9, 2021.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Police Department has been awarded the "Click It Or Ticket" STEP seatbelt program for the past 18 years. The grant provides overtime resources to fund enforcement and education with the goal of increasing occupant seatbelt and child restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. This program enhances the Police Department's efforts in the enforcement of state traffic laws.

The \$35,000 grant will fund enforcement overtime from May 21, 2021, through June 9, 2021. The ordinance will also establish a total budget of \$43,750 which includes grant funds of \$35,000 and an in-kind match not to exceed \$8,750.

The Public Safety Committee was briefed on this grant on April 20, 2021 and the Committee recommended this item for City Council approval.

ISSUE:

This item authorizes a grant award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the 2021 "Click It Or Ticket" Wave 2 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) seatbelt program. The grant amount is for \$35,000 with an in-kind match of \$8,750 for a total of \$43,750 for the period of May 21, 2021, through June 9, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

This grant provides an opportunity for the Police Department to augment traffic enforcement efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award is for \$35,000 and requires an in-kind match of \$8,750 for a total program budget of \$43,750. The in-kind match is included in the Police Department FY 2021 Budget and is comprised of the administrative costs to manage the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this item.