



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Amendment of the current Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Texas State University and the San Antonio Police Department

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an amendment to increase the contract funding by \$25,000 to the current Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Texas State University and the San Antonio Police Department. This contract allows for participation in the State of Texas' Tobacco Enforcement Program by conducting buy/stings in an effort to address and reduce the illegal sale or distribution of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and tobacco products to persons who are younger than 21 years of age.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In December 2020, City Council authorized the execution of the current Interlocal Cooperation Contract between SAPD and Texas State University which allowed a maximum of 800 separate buy/stings at a reimbursement rate of \$125 per sting. Total revenue to the department was estimated at \$100,000. The department is paid monthly upon submission of completed Monthly Summary and Invoice forms, along with a Cigarette, E-Cigarette, and Tobacco Controlled Buy/Sting Report form, as confirmation of service rendered. The initial term of the approved contract is September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Since 2011, as part of the State of Texas' Tobacco Enforcement Program ("TEP"), the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University ("Texas State") contracts with counties and municipalities to enable local law enforcement agencies, like the San Antonio Police Department ("SAPD"), to enforce Subchapter H, Chapter

161, Texas Health and Safety Code in a manner that can reasonably be expected to reduce the extent to which cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and tobacco products are illegally sold or distributed to persons who are younger than 21 years of age. Texas State relies on the local sheriffs, constables, or police departments to enforce this subchapter. Selected law enforcement agencies providing services under this Interlocal Cooperation contract will conduct on-site controlled buy/stings. The SAPD will record and submit monthly activity reports to Texas State. Texas State reimburses the contracted law enforcement agencies for each completed service conducted for the program.

ISSUE:

Approval of this contract amendment will allow for an increase in funding of \$25,000, for a total of 200 additional buy/sting operations reimbursed at \$125 each, to be granted to SAPD to reduce children's access to tobacco. These operations are done as part of SAPD's participation in the State of Texas' Tobacco Enforcement Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

This increase provides an opportunity for the Police Department to continue to provide Tobacco Enforcement services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an amendment to increase the contract funding by \$25,000 to the current Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Texas State University and the San Antonio Police Department. Under the terms of the contract amendment, Texas State will pay SAPD an additional \$25,000 to increase by 200 the allowed maximum separate buy/stings from 800 to 1000 at a reimbursement rate of \$125 per sting. Total revenue collected under this contract will increase from \$100,000 to \$125,000.00 for the remaining term of the contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute the amendment to the current Interlocal Cooperative contract between Texas State University and the SAPD.