

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **November 12, 2025, City Council Agenda Item #25-2961A; Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on November 12, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #25-2961A

Authorize the (1) application for and acceptance of a grant from the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant (Grant No. 2745112) in the amount of \$284,969.84 to provide for one-year funding for the salaries and fringe benefits of two detectives and one police research specialist, to fund training, direct operating expenses to address the problem of technology-facilitated child abuse and exploitation for the period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$284,969.84 in the CJD FY26 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$284,969.84 in the CJD FY26 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Fund; and (4) execution of the grant agreement with CJD and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$284,969.84 - Financing: CJD FY26 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Fund

BACKGROUND

Increases in internet-based crimes against children continue to be a serious concern across the nation and within the city of Dallas. These offenses pertain to children ranging in age from newborn to 17 years old who are victims of internet and/or technology facilitated crimes. The North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children grant allows the City to supplement current efforts by funding staff to investigate and research these crimes. The grant funded positions are part of a larger team working together to solve and eliminate internet crimes and trafficking against children.

The 2025-2 North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant will provide \$284,969.84 to enhance the response of the Dallas Crimes Against Children Task Force in the area of prevention, investigation, and prosecution of computer-facilitated systems and other technology. Staff are responsible for the investigation of cybertips, originating at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, cell phone forensics, computer and electronic device preview and evidence analysis, suspect and witness interviews, surveillance operations, arrests, and other critical tasks. In FY 2025, staff assigned to this grant were able to investigate over 48,013 cybertips, conduct 1,058 forensic exams, and

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made approximately 40 felony arrests for charges related to the sexual exploitation of children.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027	Future Years
CJD FY26 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Fund	\$284,969.84	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Dominique Artis
Chief of Public Safety

- c: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager
- Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
- Mark Swann, City Auditor
- Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
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- Baron Eliason, Inspector General (I)
- Dev Rastogi, Assistant City Manager
- M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
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- Ahmad Goree, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
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