

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 8, 2023

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **September 27, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda Item #49; 23-2127 Traffic STEP Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before the City Council on September 27, 2023.

DRAFT AGENDA ITEM #49; 23-2127

Authorize **(1)** an application for and acceptance of the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant (Grant No. 2024-Dallas-S-1YG-00002, CFDA No. 20.600) from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$770,750.00, for travel expenses and overtime reimbursement for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$770,750.00, in the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program-STEP FY24 Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of grant funds in the amount of \$770,750.00 in the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program-STEP FY24 Fund; **(4)** a local cash match in the amount of \$204,515.99; and **(5)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Total amount of \$975,265.99 - Financing: Texas Department of Transportation Grant Funds (\$770,750.00) and General Fund (\$204,515.99) (subject to appropriations)

BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive STEP Grant provides for the reimbursement of overtime salaries paid to officers and supervisors enforcing specific traffic laws at targeted locations. The focus is on driving while intoxicated (DWI) violations, speeding, occupant restraint use, and traffic control device violations. The goals are: (1) to increase effective enforcement and adjudication of traffic safety-related laws to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes; (2) to reduce the number of DWI related crashes, injuries, and fatalities; and (3) to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 11, 2019, City Council authorized an application for, and acceptance of the STEP Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the Texas Department of Transportation for travel expenses and overtime reimbursement for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; a city contribution of pension; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 19-1416.

On September 9, 2020, City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the STEP Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the Texas Department of Transportation for travel expenses and overtime reimbursement for the period October 1, 2020

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through September 30, 2021; a city contribution of pension; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-1330.

On October 13, 2021, City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the STEP Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the Texas Department of Transportation for travel expenses and overtime reimbursement for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; a city contribution of pension; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 21-1689

On October 12, 2022, City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the STEP Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation passed through the Texas Department of Transportation for travel expenses and overtime reimbursement for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; a city contribution of pension; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 22-1551.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
Texas Department of Transportation Grant Fund	\$770,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	\$204,515.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$975,265.99	\$0.00	\$0.00

Should you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (214) 670-5299.

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 Deputy City Manager

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- Tammy Palomino, Interim City Attorney
- Mark Swann, City Auditor
- Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
- Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
- Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Deputy City Manager
- Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager
- M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
- Dr. Robert Perez, Assistant City Manager
- Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager
- Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer
- Genesis D. Gavino, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
- Directors and Assistant Directors