

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 8, 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 **December 10, 2025, City Council Agenda Item #25-3285A: Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the 2025 FY25 Community Policing Development (CPD)**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on December 10, 2025.

## **AGENDA ITEM #25-3285A**

Authorize the (1) application for and acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the 2025 FY25 Community Policing Development (CPD): Supporting Agencies Seeking Accreditation Grant (Federal Award ID. No. 15JCOPS-25-GG-00696-PPSE, Assistance Listing No. 16.710) in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of funding one administrative specialist position and one supervisor position dedicated to proving compliance with 173 Texas law enforcement best practices for two years for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in the COPS FY25 CPD Supporting Agencies Seeking Accreditation Grant Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in the COPS FY25 CPD Supporting Agencies Seeking Accreditation Grant Fund; (4) add one administrative specialist position and one supervisor position; and (5) execution of the grant agreement with COPS and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$250,000.00 - Financing: COPS FY25 CPD Supporting Agencies Seeking Accreditation Grant Fund

## **BACKGROUND**

This item will provide funding for the Dallas Police Department (DPD) to support two full-time staff positions. These positions will be dedicated to the accreditation program within the DPD Planning and Crime Analysis Unit. The staff will identify and gather the necessary data to demonstrate compliance with current standards where applicable and to pinpoint gaps in existing policies and procedures that require further work to meet standards. Additionally, the staff will participate in accreditation training offered by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation.

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Pursuing accreditation will demonstrate that the department adheres to statewide public safety standards while assuring the community that our policies and actions are as transparent as possible. The accreditation process will involve a thorough review of all units and structures within DPD to better align operations with current best practices as identified by law enforcement experts. After receiving accreditation, ongoing compliance and reporting are required to maintain it and to renew it after four years, which may involve updating additional policies and procedures as new strategies are developed.

### FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027	Future Years
COPS FY25 CPD Supporting Agencies Seeking Accreditation Grant Fund	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00

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