

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 10, 2026

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 **August 12, 2026, City Council Agenda Item #5. 26-2300A Model Cities Initiative Grant Application**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on August 12, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM #5. 26-2300A

Authorize an application for a grant project from the US Department of Justice to reduce violent crime, strengthen public safety response, enhance enforcement and deterrence, support prosecution and victim services, and build capacity to implement the City of Dallas' Model Cities Initiative strategy. Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

Approval of this action will authorize the City to submit an application for projects designed to support and enhance Public Safety initiatives within the City of Dallas.

The Model Cities Initiative grant application provides funding to support a coordinated public safety strategy focused on reducing violent crime, improving response capabilities, strengthening enforcement and deterrence, stabilizing high-risk locations, supporting prosecution, and improving services for victims and witnesses. Activities supported through this application may include public safety technology, real-time response tools, hot spot policing, Place Network Investigations, focused deterrence, behavioral health crisis response support, nuisance and blight abatement, high-risk encampment stabilization, prosecution support, victim services, and grant compliance activities. Together, these investments are intended to help the City of Dallas implement a comprehensive, data-driven public safety model that improves response times, supports enforcement and accountability, reduces repeat demand on emergency services, and advances DOJ Model Cities Initiative objectives.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kevin Oden at 214-670-4276.

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Dominique Artis
Chief of Public Safety

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