

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 6, 2023

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee  
TO Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,  
Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **January 11, 2023, City Council Agenda Item #23-19 Accreditation Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on January 11, 2023.

## **AGENDA ITEM #23-19**

Authorize the (1) application for and acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the 2022 FY22 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation Grant (Federal/State Award ID. No. 15JCOPS-22-GG-04555-PPSE, CFDA No. 16.710) in the amount of \$250,000.00 passed through the Dallas Police Department for the purpose of funding two staff members dedicated to proving compliance with 168 Texas law enforcement best practices for two years for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in the FY22 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in the FY22 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation Fund; (4) addition of one Administrative Specialist and Supervisor; and (5) execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$250,000.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Justice Grant Funds

## **BACKGROUND**

This item will help the Dallas Police Department (DPD) fund an Administrative Specialist and Supervisor position. This funding will be for the two staff members dedicated to this specific accreditation program, under the umbrella of the DPD Planning Unit. This staff will identify the required data and collect that data to show we are meeting current standards where applicable, and to identify gaps in our current policies and procedures where more work is needed to meet the standard. The staff will attend specific accreditation training offered by Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation.

Pursuing accreditation will allow the department to show that we are following statewide public safety practices while ensuring our community that our policies and actions remain as transparent as possible. The accreditation process will include a comprehensive review of all units and structures within DPD to better align operations with current best practices as identified by law enforcement professionals. Once accreditation is received, there is ongoing compliance and reporting needed to maintain it, and to renew at the end of the four-year period, which may necessitate updating additional policies and procedures as innovative new strategies are identified.

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Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (214) 670 5299.



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