



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: January 11, 2023
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

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.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on January 9, 2023.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
U.S. Department of Justice Grant Funds	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00