

AGENDA



Thursday, May 15, 2008

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods in the amount of \$9,500; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Police Department Operating Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$9,500 to purchase equipment including a trailer to transport a sign to identify a Project Safe Neighborhood site.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available for the grant period April 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008. A cash match is not required for this one time equipment purchase.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Carter, Assistant Chief/974-5030

Prior Council Action: April 15, 2004 prior grant acceptance.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a U.S. Department of Justice initiative to reduce gun-related crime. The grant of \$9,500 from this initiative will allow the Austin Police Department to buy equipment to help reduce gun-related crime. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

The Department plans to use these funds in the Northeast Area Command, in particular the locations within this Area Command where APD has frequent reports of robberies and gun violence. Austin Police Department intends to use the funds to buy a trailer equipped with a sign that can be moved within this Area Command to identify the Project Safe Neighborhood site.