

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 45

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of an additional \$4,500 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Police Department Operating Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$4,500 for a total grant amount of \$36,500 to reduce the distribution of cigarettes and tobacco products to minors.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$36,500 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Grant, to increase the enforcement and compliance of tobacco laws for the grant period September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. A cash match is not required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The Texas Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Grant program is designed for law enforcement agencies to reduce the distribution of cigarettes and tobacco products to minors. The Austin Police Department (APD) identifies locations at-risk for selling tobacco to minors, and then an inspection is conducted which is followed by a sting and a second inspection. The progress of the project is reported to the grantor on a quarterly basis.

This grant addresses the Department's goal of improving the quality of life so that Austin's residents live, work, and play in clean, safe neighborhoods. It also addresses the APD Program Objective for Neighborhood Policing: to provide immediate police service, criminal investigations, and collaborative problem solving initiatives to the community so residents can feel safe and be safe.