

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$198,147 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$198,147 for the education component of the traffic safety grant program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$198,147 is available from the MCSAP High Priority Grant. No match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Carter, APD Chief of Staff/974-5030

Prior Council Action: June 5, 2008 year one grant acceptance.

The Austin Police Department (APD) recognizes the need to improve the safety on Austin's major transportation corridors. The Motor Carrier Administration High Priority grant program will target aggressive driving and provides funding for an education officer and outreach supplies. This grant complements the Motor Carrier Administration grant for enforcement operations on the city's major corridors.

Grant funding will also be used for a Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT)program that includes enforcement activity targeting hazardous driving and a strategic communications campaign.