



**Grant**  
**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 14  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 01/29/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of \$66,328 in continuation grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) Detective position in the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005. This is the third year of a five-year grant. A cash match of \$22,109 is required and will be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2004- 2005 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Police  
**DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Rick Coy

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Coy, Assistant Chief/974-5021

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** September 25, 2003 revised grant acceptance.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This action authorizes the City to apply for and accept \$66,328 in third year grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the Austin Police Department Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit. The funding is for one full-time equivalent (FTE) Detective position and related equipment. The funding shifts over the five years from 100% grant funded in year 1 and 2; 75% grant funded in year 3; 50% grant funded in year 4; and 25% grant funded in year 5. The grant period is from September 1, 2004 – August 31, 2005.

The SOAR Unit is responsible for the initial registration and ongoing monitoring of convicted sex offenders who reside in the City of Austin. The law requires all convicted sex offenders to maintain their registration within the jurisdiction where they reside for their entire life. With the assistance of the grant, the SOAR Unit will continue to conduct random compliance checks on the 700 registered offenders. In addition, APD expects to conduct another two-week "compliance sweep" that led to significant increases in the compliance checks conducted in 2003.

This grant addresses the Department goal of reducing crime, fear of crime, and improving the quality of life of Austin's residents. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose of the Investigations Program is to provide an impartial and complete investigation of cases in order to protect victims and the public and deter criminal activity. *The effectiveness of this grant program will be measured as follows:*

| Measure | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003                      | 2004                      |
|---------|------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|         |      |      |      | (2002-2003<br>grant year) | (2003-2004<br>grant year) |



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|---|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Registered Sex Offenders checked for compliance | 336 | 578 | 1200 | 1023 | 1000 |
|---|-----|-----|------|------|------|

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Cases Investigated ( <i>Criminal "Fail to Register" cases</i> ) | 130 | 111 | 139 | 180 | 180 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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|--|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of warrants issued for "Fail to Comply" | 98 | 97 | 130 | 106 | 100 |
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**RESOLUTION NO. 04**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for and acceptance of \$66,328 in continuation grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) Detective position in the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State continuation grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$66,328 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) Detective position and related equipment in the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council designates Laura Huffman as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council agrees to provide applicable matching

funds for the said project as required by the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the City council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice division in full; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council approves the application for and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$66,328.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk

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