



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 14  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize application for \$148,422 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services Office, Fiscal Year 2004 COPS Technology Initiative program to purchase a driving simulator for the Austin Police Department.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services Office, Fiscal Year 2004 COPS Technology Program, for the grant period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. No cash match is required.

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

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

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

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

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

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This action authorizes the City to apply for \$148,422 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services Office, Fiscal Year 2004 COPS Technology Initiative program. The grant period runs from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Funding will be used to purchase a driving simulator for the APD Training Academy. The driving simulator will be used to train APD officers and cadets using a computer system with a fully functional dashboard and interior. The police driving simulator is a training tool that can provide driving scenarios that would otherwise be impossible to construct on a hard track without danger of officer injury or property damage. The computer system is able to detect the manner in which officers are driving and makes changes to the scenario's environment. Simulators allow officers to become more adept at in-car "multitasking" (using radio, sirens, MDC's) in a safer and more controlled environment. The cost of one driving simulator with a maintenance agreement and warranty is approximately \$120,000. Remaining grant funds will be used for any enhancements or software that may be needed for the system.

This grant addresses the Department goal to improve efficiency through technology in order to provide information for daily operations, analysis and strategic planning and to increase the likelihood of successful prosecution of criminals.

The following outlines the performance measures for the project:

Purchase and installation of the driving simulator in a timely manner	Target: January 2005
Number of officers and cadets training using the simulator in 2005	Target: 100 officers/cadets