



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize the application for \$348,421 in federal grant funding from the Corporation for National and Community Services "Special Volunteer Programs to Support Homeland Security" for the purpose of utilizing volunteers in the Office of Emergency Management and the Police Department to strengthen homeland defense.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available from the Corporation for National and Community Services "Special Volunteer Programs to Support Homeland Security" initiative, for the grant period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. Funding for the continued operation of this program is contingent upon available funding in future budgets. A cash match of \$80,498 is required and will be included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget for 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: Grant acceptance of year 2 funding on November 6, 2003.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$348,421 in third year federal grant funding from the Corporation for National and Community Services "Special Volunteer Programs to Support Homeland Security" initiative. The grant incorporates the expansion of the Austin Police Department's (APD) Civil Defense Battalion and other police volunteer efforts and the Disaster Ready Austin volunteer program within the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The grant period is from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. A cash match is included and represents existing APD personnel working on volunteer programs.

Grant funding will be used for staff, equipment, consulting services, volunteer uniforms and insurance to support the APD and OEM volunteer programs. The grant application provides continuation funding for one full-time equivalent OEM Program Manager position (1.0 FTE) and one full-time equivalent Program Specialist employee (1.0 FTE) in the OEM. The 2004 grant application would provide funding for 2 full-time Administrative Assistant positions (2.0 FTEs) in the Police Department.

The program goal is to help communities address key issues related to public safety as well as to bring together members of the community in a time of crisis, either man-made or natural disasters.

This grant addresses the purpose of the Neighborhood Policing Program, which is to provide immediate police service, criminal investigations, and collaborative problem solving initiatives to the community so that they can feel safe and be safe. The grant also addresses the purpose of the Emergency Management Program which is to provide coordination and leadership to the City of Austin and other involved agencies so they can mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies and disasters.



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