

**Police
CITY OF AUSTIN**

**AGENDA #20
DATE: 4/20/2006**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount of \$22,109 for one grant-funded Detective position for the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the amount of \$22,109 from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period of September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007. This is the fifth year of a five-year grant. A cash match of \$66,328 is required and will be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: Police

For More Information:

Prior Council Action: March 3, 2005

Boards and Commission Action:

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$22,109 in fifth-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 grant-funded 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, 2006 – August 31, 2007.

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 approximately 900 registered offenders. In addition, APD expects to conduct another two-week "compliance sweep" in August 2006. 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.

RESOLUTION NO.

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 \$22,109 in fifth year grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to fund one Detective position for the "Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$22,109 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund one Detective position for the "Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to providing for the applicable matching funds as required; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for Public Safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, agree to alter or terminate this grant; 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 IT 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, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$22,109.

ADOPTED:

, 2006

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk