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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3601, Agenda Item #: 24.

12/3/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate \$300,000 in additional grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the City of Austin Intellectual Property Enforcement.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$300,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2020 The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program: Protecting Public Health, Safety, and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy Program. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 12, 2020 - City Council approved the FY 2020-21 Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001), which included this grant award.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This ordinance will accept \$300,000 in additional grant funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Austin City Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Project. The project period is October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2022.

The Austin Police Department's (APD) Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget includes \$100,000 in grant funds for this project and this action will accept an additional \$300,000 in grant funds, bringing the total grant award to \$400,000. This grant-funded program will focus on criminal investigation, prosecution, prevention, and education as each relate to intellectual property enforcement. Funding in the amount of \$381,970 will allow existing city personnel to work on an overtime basis to complete program activities. The remaining funds will cover the cost of supplies (\$2,278), training (\$2,752), confidential funds (\$1,000) and education/awareness (\$12,000).

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, APD's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety