



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

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing application for \$44,219 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, 2005 to August 31, 2006. This is the fourth year of a five-year grant. A cash match of \$44,294 is required and will be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 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 of Police, 974-5021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: January 29, 2004

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$44,219 in fourth 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. 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, 2005 – August 31, 2006.

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 760 registered offenders. In addition, APD expects to conduct another two-week "compliance sweep" in September 2005.

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:



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Measure	2003 (2002-2003 grant year)	2004 (2003-2004 grant year)	2005 (2004-2005 grant year) (estimate)	Target (2005-2006 grant year)
Registered Sex Offenders checked for compliance	1023	420	1200	1200
Number of Cases Investigated (Criminal "Fail to Register" cases)	180	365	350	350
Number of warrants issued for "Fail to Comply"	106	61	51	55

RESOLUTION NO. 050303-

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 \$44,219 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, 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 State grant renewal funds for said project, in the amount of \$44,219 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for one full-time equivalent (FTE) Detective position in the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to provide 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, 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 grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$44,219.

ADOPTED: March 03, 2005

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk