



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of June 23, 2020  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of June 30, 2020

**DATE:** May 27, 2020  
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### Acceptance of a Grant for the Local Border Security Program

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the FY 2021 Local Border Security Program; and appropriating \$50,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance accepts and appropriates \$50,000.00 in grant funding to support the FY 2021 Local Border Security Program.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Local Border Security Program (LBSP) grant centers on the use of intelligence to increase the effectiveness of federal, state, and local law enforcement assets. The purpose of the program is to sustain interagency law enforcement operations and enhance local law enforcement patrols to facilitate directed actions to deter and interdict criminal activity. All law enforcement agencies who receive funding through LBSP shall assist in the execution of coordinated border security operations in an effort to reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas, decrease the supply of drugs smuggled into and through Texas from Mexico, disrupt and deter operations of gang and cartel criminal organizations, etc.

The Police Department will deploy officers on an overtime basis to conduct direct actions and operations within the city limits and extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) targeting known drug, currency and human trafficking routes operating in the South Texas area to points north (ETJ extends five miles out from the city's boundaries).

The funding provides for overtime and retirement for sworn officers. There is no City match required. Funding is available from September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021. The City has been receiving the grant since 2008.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Not accept the grant and provide less enforcement of criminal activity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact for FY 20 is accepting funds and appropriating \$50,000 to the Police Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1061  
Organization/Activity: Police Grants Fund  
Mission Element: 151  
Project # (CIP Only):  
Account: 510000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Grant award document