

Upcoming Council Agenda Items

Memorandum



DATE: December 30, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

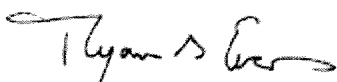
SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply for and Accept the City of Dallas Anti-Gang Initiative/ Governor's Gang Initiative Grant

The Dallas Police Department Gang Unit is applying for grant funding from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the City of Dallas Anti-Gang Initiative, in the amount of \$500,000. This one-time targeted grant solicitation supports the Governor's Gang Initiative. The CJD will administer and monitor grant activities. Eligible jurisdictions were identified by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for participation in this grant.

All grant applicants must complete an online eGrants application. The application must be certified by the chief executive officer of the jurisdiction. Grant awards will be issued upon CJD's review and approval of the proposed use of funds. Funds must be used for overtime of law enforcement personnel and in accordance with the grantee agency's overtime policy. Matching funds are not required. As part of this grant, the Dallas Police Department Gang Unit must submit regular progress reports to the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University.

The Dallas Police Department Gang Unit will coordinate officer overtime activities throughout the city. The additional man hours would allow officers to utilize their expertise in combating gangs, guns and drug activity. The City of Dallas will receive the grant funds through reimbursement as overtime police operations are worked as part of this grant project. Reporting for the grant will include a report on expenditures and a report on activities and progress toward goals, objectives, and measures. The start date of the City of Dallas Anti-Gang Initiative Grant is November 1, 2008 and the end date is September 30, 2009. The Dallas Police Department's Gang Unit is requesting this agenda item. This grant initiative is made possible by the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Authorization to apply for and accept the City of Dallas Anti-Gang Initiative/ Governor's Gang Initiative Grant is scheduled for formal Council action on January 28, 2009.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Renewal of Dallas City Code Section 31-33 Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

The Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, Dallas City Code Section 31-33, is due for renewal by May 1, 2009. The original curfew ordinance was adopted on June 12, 1991 by the Dallas City Council. The Texas Local Government Code requires that before the third anniversary of the adoption of a juvenile curfew ordinance and every third year thereafter, the City of Dallas must review the ordinance's effects on the community and on the problems the ordinance was intended to remedy, conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance, and abolish, continue or modify the ordinance, or else the ordinance will automatically expire.

In order for the ordinance to be renewed, there must be two public hearings prior to a final vote by the City Council. The request for the two public hearings is scheduled to be a Council Agenda Item on February 11, 2009. The hearings would then be scheduled for March 25, 2009 and April 25, 2009 before the City Council with the final vote occurring on April 25, 2009.

I recommend that the members of the Public Safety Committee support renewal of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval when presented on February 11, 2009.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan S. Evans".

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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SUBJECT: Council Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Overtime for Federal and State Law Enforcement Task Force Investigations

The Dallas Police Department is routinely asked to participate in various federal and state law enforcement investigation task forces and receives reimbursement for expenses associated with those task forces from the sponsoring federal or state agency. The reimbursed expenses are generally for the Dallas Police Department officers' overtime for the requested investigations.

The task force funding allocations from the various agencies represent projections only and are subject to modifications based upon the progress and needs of the investigations and the availability of the various agencies' funds and also the availability of Dallas Police Department officers. Approval of this item will insure that all task force revenues are authorized to be deposited, and subsequently, the general fund reimbursements are made consistent with the task force overtime expenditures. This item approves the task force participation for the fiscal year in lieu of processing an administrative Action for each task force (usually twenty – thirty per year).

This Council item is scheduled for formal Council action January 14, 2009.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager