

Upcoming Council Agenda Items

Memorandum



DATE: February 17, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee


SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept the City of Dallas Trans National Crime Group 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 Trans National Crime Groups Initiative, in the amount of \$300,000. 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.

Grant awards were 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 Trans National Crime Groups Initiative Grant is November 1, 2010 and the end date is September 30, 2011. 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 accept the City of Dallas Trans National Crime Groups Initiative Grant is scheduled for formal Council action on March 9, 2011.


Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: February 17, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Council Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Dallas Downtown Improvement District

The acceptance of this grant will fund two caseworker positions whose focus will be on outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals in the Central Business District from October 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

There are 5,750 homeless people residing within the City of Dallas. The overwhelming majority of those who are homeless currently reside in shelters, treatment centers, or supportive housing programs. Ten percent of the homeless are shelter resistant and tend to draw the attention of downtown businesses, restaurant customers, developers, police, and homeless service providers. Many mentally ill/substance abusing shelter-resistant homeless people are too ill to seek services on their own and often remain on the streets where they rely upon panhandling, or engage in criminal activities as sources for their continued lifestyles.

The mission of the Crisis Intervention Division's homeless outreach case workers is to aggressively address this small, but very visible chronic homeless individuals in an effort to identify and reduce the numbers of those who are shelter resistant as a result of mental health disorders and long-term drug abuse. Outreach is done one-on-one on a daily basis to engage in rapport-building and professional assessments.

The Council item is scheduled for formal action March 9, 2011.

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Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager