Upcoming Council Agenda Items



DATE:

April 17, 2009

TO:

Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT:

Proposal to Apply for Grant Funds

The Auto Theft Unit of the Dallas Police Department will submit a grant application to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) requesting a continuation of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad grant in the amount of \$507,847. If approved, the Dallas Police Department will be required to provide a Cash Match of \$139,658 and an In-Kind Match of \$512,686. The grant period will be from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

This will be the seventeenth year the Auto Theft Unit's Salvage Squad has received these funds. The grant application must be submitted to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority by May 8, 2009. The awarding of the funds will be determined and announced at a Grant Review hearing in Austin, Texas on June 19, 2009.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to apply for these funds. If the Council supports this proposal, the Auto Theft Unit is prepared to submit the grant application and attend the grant review process in June.

This item has been placed on the agenda for the April 22, 2009, City Council meeting.

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First Assistant City Manager

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DATE: April 17, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding – City of Duncanville

The Dallas Police Department and the Duncanville Police Department have proposed a Memorandum of Understanding, Interlocal Agreement and Resolution addressing law enforcement operations conducted by the Dallas Police Department and the Duncanville Police Department within the territorial boundaries of the other city. The agreement covers the entire City of Duncanville and several designated service areas of the City of Dallas that adjoin the borders of the City of Duncanville. These documents outline the notification, arrest, investigative, and case filing procedures to be followed by both police departments. This agreement enhances communication between departments and provides better services to the citizens of Dallas and Duncanville. In previous years, these agreements were renewed on an annual basis. Beginning this year, in an effort to enhance efficiency and effectiveness; these agreement(s) will automatically self-renew on an annual basis, if not terminated by either party.

I recommend that the members of the Public Safety Committee approve and refer the proposed Interlocal Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution to the full Dallas City Council for approval.

Please feel free to contact me for clarification on any of these documents.

Ryan S. Evans

First Assistant City Manager

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DATE: April 17, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding - City of Grand Prairie

The Dallas Police Department and the Grand Prairie Police Department have proposed a Memorandum of Understanding, Interlocal Agreement and Resolution addressing law enforcement operations conducted by the Dallas Police Department and the Grand Prairie Police Department within the territorial boundaries of the other city. The agreement covers several designated service areas of the City of Dallas that adjoin the borders of the City of Grand Prairie and several areas of the City of Grand Prairie that adjoin the borders of the City of Dallas. These documents outline the notification, arrest, investigative, and case filing procedures to be followed by both police departments. This agreement enhances communication between departments and provides better services to the citizens of Dallas and Grand Prairie. In previous years, these agreements were renewed on an annual basis. Beginning this year, in an effort to enhance efficiency and effectiveness; these agreement(s) will automatically self-renew on an annual basis, if not terminated by either party.

I recommend that the members of the Public Safety Committee approve and refer the proposed Interlocal Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution to the full Dallas City Council for approval.

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ro: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT:

Teardown Repair to Police Helicopter Engine

The Police Department's Helicopter Unit operates 3 helicopters and provides air support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During 2008, the unit flew 2,249 hours of flight operations resulting in 5,827 calls for service answered, 334 stolen vehicles recovered, 840 arrests, 40 vehicle pursuits, 37 missing persons (adults/children) located, 3 rescues, 22 fires located and 123 community presentations/displays.

Helicopter engine N1510L required a heavy maintenance inspection (HMI) and repair as a result of the engine reaching an accumulated total of 1,750 hours of flight operations. The HMI is an engine teardown which involves inspection and repair of the compressor case halves and the turbine section. All defects located are to be repaired during the scope of this work.

The HMI (teardown) is required to be performed by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorized repair center in addition to an authorized maintenance center (AMC) for the engine's manufacturer, Roll's Royce. Due to the helicopter being grounded, the engine was sent to Standard Aero on February 7, 2009 to complete the HMI. Standard Aero meets the FAA and AMC requirements.

During the HMI, several defects were found which required additional repair and labor. The cost for this repair is approximately \$100,000 and although the engine warranty expired at 1,000 hours of flight operations, Standard Aero is currently negotiating with Rolls Royce for special consideration to cover the cost of the additional repair and labor. A final cost for this repair will be appearing on the May 27th Council agenda item.

The Police Department is seeking approval from the Public Safety Committee and City Council in approving payment for this emergency teardown and repair.

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First Assistant City Manager

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DATE: April 17, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Click-It or Ticket Grant

The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department was the recipient of the Comprehensive STEP Grant for the current fiscal year from the Texas Department of Transportation. The total amount of the grant was \$1,200,000. As a grant recipient, the Police Department is eligible for "wave" grants that are effective for particular times of the year and specific enforcement objectives. The "wave" grants are part of the national traffic safety plan, and usually follow a public service campaign targeting a specific topic.

The Police Department has just been notified that it is eligible for the "Click-It or Ticket" (CIOT) Overtime Enforcement grant in the amount of \$134,985. The City is required to contribute pension and FICA costs of \$38,093. The funds are to provide for the reimbursement of overtime salaries for police officers and supervisors utilized to enforce seatbelt and child safety seat laws during the national campaign May 18-31, 2009. In addition, the Dallas Police Department has been asked to participate in a "Teen Enforcement Week" May 11-17, 2009. The "Teen Enforcement Week" will target 16-20 year olds not utilizing seat belts. This is a new expansion of the CIOT wave, and Dallas is one of the five counties in Texas participating. The Police Department will enforce seat belt laws in areas throughout the City of Dallas previously identified as being high in noncompliance with the seatbelt laws. The non-use of seatbelts was a contributing factor in over 50% of traffic fatalities over the past two years in Dallas, and Dallas County is in the top five Texas counties that account for 26% of unbuckled teen fatalities over the 2001-2006 period.

The Traffic Section of the Dallas Police Department has utilized grant funding for safety initiatives for many years. Traffic fatalities decreased slightly in 2007 and were about the same in 2008. The goal of the section is a 2% reduction in traffic accident fatalities for the year.

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DATE: April 17, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Body Armor Grant

The Dallas Police Department was the recipient of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2008 Regular Solicitation period, which ends September 30, 2010. This reimbursement covers vest purchased during the period of April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010. The total amount of the reimbursement is \$94,817.20.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-181) and reauthorized by the BVP Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-517) is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, over 11,900 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$173 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 vests. The purpose of the Act is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping units of local government equip their law enforcement officers with ballistic vests. The Act funds up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement applicants. Jurisdictions and agencies can fully participate in this program without regard to supplanting. Ballistic vest that have been purchased have a life cycle of 5 years and fitted to the individual officer.

Participating units of local government are required to provide a 50% match for participation in the program. The Dallas Police Department submitted an application for the 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership and was notified that \$94,817.20 has been awarded to pay for 50% of the cost of approximately 235 vests purchased during the period April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to accept these funds.

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