



Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 19-370

Item #: 42.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2019
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** an application for and acceptance of the State of Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant (Grant No. 2745105) in the amount of \$361,141.52 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to provide for one-year funding for the salaries and fringe benefits of two detectives and one police research specialist, to fund training, direct operating expenses and use of overtime to address the growing problem of technology-facilitated child abuse and exploitation for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$361,141.52 in the State Internet Crimes Against Children FY19 Grant Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$361,141.52 in the State Internet Crimes Against Children FY19 Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$361,141.52 - Financing: Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division State Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

Increases in internet-based crimes against children continue to be a serious concern across the nation and within the city of Dallas. These offenses pertain to children ranging in age from newborn to 17 years old who are victims of internet and/or technology facilitated crimes. The State of Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant allows the City to supplement current efforts by funding staff to investigate and research these crimes. The grant funded positions are part of a larger team working together to solve and eliminate internet crimes and trafficking against children.

The 2018-19 State of Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant will provide \$361,141.52 to enhance the response of the Dallas Crimes Against Children Task Force in the area of prevention, investigation, and prosecution of computer-facilitated systems and other technology. Staff is responsible for the investigation of cyber tips originating at National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, cell phone forensics, computer and electronic device preview and evidence analysis, suspect and witness interviews, surveillance operations, arrests, and other critical tasks. In fiscal year (FY) 17-18, staff assigned to this grant were able to investigate 293 cyber tips, conduct 39 forensic exams, and made 12 felony arrests for charges related to the sexual exploitation of children. In FY 18 -19, staff has already made 9 felony arrests for charges related to the sexual exploitation of children.

The grant will provide one-year funding for the salaries and fringe benefits of two detectives and one police research specialist. Funds will also be utilized for training, direct operating expenses, purchase of equipment, and use of overtime to address the growing problem of technology-facilitated child abuse and exploitation. There is no cash match or in-kind cost to the City of Dallas.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On January 22, 2014, City Council authorized acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for response to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated by the use of computer technology by Resolution No. 14-0185.

On October 28, 2015, City Council authorized acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for response to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated by the use of computer technology by Resolution No. 15-1958.

On August 9, 2017, City Council authorized acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for response to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated by the use of computer technology by Resolution No. 17-1175.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for response to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated by the use of computer technology by Resolution No. 18-1401.

Information about this item will be provided to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee on March 25, 2019.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division State Grant Funds - \$361,141.52

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WHEREAS, the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) has made funds available to aid missing and exploited children during Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the increased program and funding source will benefit the City of Dallas in its endeavor to reduce crime and improve public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the CJD funds, the City of Dallas assures that the funds will be returned to the CJD in full; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas designates the City Manager or an Assistant City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Dallas to accept such funding.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the State of Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant (Grant No. 2745105), from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$361,141.52 to provide for one-year funding for the salaries and fringe benefits of two detectives and one police research specialist, to fund training, direct operating expenses and use of overtime to address the growing problem of technology-facilitated child abuse and exploitation for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019; and execute the grant agreement and all terms, conditions and documents required by the grant with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$361,141.52, in the State Internet Crimes Against Children FY19 Grant Fund, Fund S338, Department DPD, Unit 3877, various Object Codes, in accordance with the attached Schedule A.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$361,141.52 into the State Internet Crimes Against Children FY19 Grant Fund, Fund S338, Department DPD, Unit 3877, Revenue Code 6516.

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SECTION 4. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$361,141.52 from the State Internet Crimes Against Children FY19 Grant Fund, Fund S338, Department DPD, Unit 3877, various Object Codes, in accordance with the attached Schedule A.

SECTION 5. That in the event of loss or misuse of funds, the City of Dallas will return all grant funds to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in full.

SECTION 6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the event of loss, or misuse of funds, in full. The City Manager shall notify the appropriate City Council Committee of any return of grants funds not later than 30 days after the reimbursement.

SECTION 7. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all CJD final monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

SECTION 8. That this contract is designated as Contract No. DPD-2019-00009612.

SECTION 9. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Schedule A

**State Internet Crimes Against Children Grant
Fund S338, Unit 3877
Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Obj. Code	Description	OOG Funds
1101	Civilian Salaries	\$ 51,486.02
1102	Sworn Salaries	\$ 173,648.10
1202	Overtime - Uniform	\$ 20,000.00
1301	Pension - Civilian	\$ 7,394.29
1302	Pension - Uniform	\$ 54,112.54
1303	Life	\$ 72.00
1304	Health	\$ 21,582.00
1306	FICA	\$ 3,248.01
1309	Wellness	\$ 81.00
2181	Fleet Fuel and Lube	\$ 2,380.36
3361	Professional Development	\$ 25,000.00
3410	Equipment and Automotive Rental	\$ 2,137.20
	Program Totals	\$ 361,141.52