



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 4, 2025

AGENDA OF: February 11, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Police

SUBJECT: Lone Star Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept and approve the resolution for the Lone Star Grant. The Police Department is requesting \$293,802.05 in grant funding from the Office of the Governor, State of Texas. This will supply 2 new patrol units (2025 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2025 Chevrolet Silverado), 6 Flock cameras, and pay for officer overtime in support of the Lone Star mission.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the program is to enhance interagency border security operations supporting Operation Lone Star including the facilitation of directed actions to deter and interdict criminal activity. For law enforcement specifically, this grant aims to decrease the supply of drugs smuggled into and through Texas from Mexico, as well to disrupt and deter operations of gang and cartel criminal organizations.

Due to historical incidents, the Castroville Elementary School, and highway 90 being an artery means of transportation for those conducting illegal activities, we believe the grant funded purchase of these items will be a good acquisition. With the grant funds, the police department will be able to acquire 2 necessary vehicles and pay for officer overtime, thereby increasing safety for the residents of Castroville.

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact on the city beyond fronting the cost for the vehicles, overtime costs, and the cameras. The grant allows for the reimbursement of these items.

☐ Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Grant Funded

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 1

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 1

Submitted by: **Chief James Kohler**