



MEETING DATE: August 26, 2024
PRESENTED BY: Cesar Torres, Chief of Police
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to submit & accept the DWI Phlebotomy Program Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$149,999.78 for the 2025 fiscal year - Torres

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The Mission Police Department is requesting authorization to submit and accept the DWI Phlebotomy Program Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2025 fiscal year. The total grant amount is \$187,557.88, which includes a match of \$37,558.10 required by the City of Mission.

TXDOT will award a total of \$149,999.78 in funds to house a registered nurse at the Mission Police Department and to purchase tablets to be placed in the jail section. Housing the registered nurse will facilitate the blood search warrant process during peak hours (7 pm to 3 am), and keep patrol officers from waiting at hospitals for long periods for blood draws. The registered nurse will be employed/contracted by the Mission Hospital, who will hold all liability (medical & legal). The tablets will allow officers to capture electronic signatures and collect digital information for blood search warrants.

TXDOT is accepting the match as an in-kind match, which will be fulfilled as follows: \$4,942.10 for (120) Administrative hours (including salary & fringe benefits), \$1,580.00 for the budgeted purchase of (200) blood tubes, \$11,036.00 paid towards the budgeted contractual services for alcohol breath testing (relieve recent contract increase), \$12,600.00 costs for the building use and utilities, and \$7,400.00 in social media awareness/public safety announcements (see attached social media valuations). By matching with in-kind (totaling \$37,558.10), the City of Mission's cash match is zero. The grant period is from October 1st, 2024 to September 30th, 2025.

The City of Mission Police Department is the first in the state to be granted this opportunity due to our Drug Recognition Expert program and No-Refusal City status.

BUDGETED: Yes FY24-25 **FUND:** Designated Purpose **ACCT. #:** 15-300-33490

BUDGET: \$187,557.88 **EST. COST:** _____ **CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE:** _____

BID AMOUNT: \$ _____

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

Departmental Approval: Finance

Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A

City Manager's Recommendation: Approval *MRP*

RECORD OF VOTE: **APPROVED:** _____

DISAPPROVED: _____

TABLED: _____

_____ AYES

_____ NAYS

_____ DISSENTING _____