

RESOLUTION 2024-R-152

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$7,925,993.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICE (COPS) PROGRAM. THE CITY OF LAREDO WILL UTILIZE THIS FUNDING TO HIRE TWENTY-FIVE (25) NEW POLICE OFFICERS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS. THE 2024 COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT PROVIDES A MAXIMUM FEDERAL SHARE OF \$125,000.00 PER OFFICER POSITION OF THE APPROVED ENTRY LEVEL SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF EACH NEWLY HIRED AND/OR REHIRED FULL TIME SWORN CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OVER THE THREE (3) YEARS (36 MONTHS) GRANT PERIOD. THE GRANT PORTION FUND \$3,125,000.00 AND THE CITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH OF APPROXIMATELY 61% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800,993.00 AND WILL BE ACCOUNTED IN THE SPECIAL POLICE FUND - COPS HIRING PROGRAM.

Whereas, the U.S Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program and the Laredo Police Department will provide twenty-five (25) police Cadets that will enhance the COPS philosophy in the City of Laredo; and

Whereas, the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant on behalf of the City of Laredo; and

Whereas, this grant will be beneficial to the City of Laredo due to the additional man power that will be added to serve the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant in the estimated amount of \$7,925,993.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program. The City of Laredo will utilize this funding to hire twenty-five (25) new police officers for a period of three (3) years. The 2024 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant provides a maximum federal share of \$125,000.00 per officer position of the approved entry level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three (3) years (36 months) grant period. The federal share will be \$3,125,000.00 and the city will be responsible for a required local match of approximately 61% of the total project funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$4,800,993.00 will be accounted in the Special Police Fund – COPS Hiring Program.

Section 2: It authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to obtain said grant and to effectuate its terms.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
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