

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 2/20/2024	SUBJECT: Resolution #2024-R-085 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.00 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION (HSGD) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE FY2025 TEXAS ANTI-GANG (TAG) PROGRAM. FUNDING WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF THE TAG CENTER SUCH AS PERSONNEL, RENT, CONTRACTUAL COSTS, INFORMATION SYSTEM INTERFACES, EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, SUPPLIES AND DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES. THIS GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE MATCHING FUNDS. THE GRANT WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE SPECIAL POLICE FUND.	
INITIATED BY: Rosario C. Cabello Deputy City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr. Chief of Police
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None.		
BACKGROUND: The Public Safety Office (PSO) is soliciting application for preselected projects that support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities. State funds are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 22 and Rider 40 to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. All awards are subject to availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. In FY2022 the City of Laredo was awarded grant funding from the Office of the Governor to establish the 9 th Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. This will be the fourth year for the TAG Center. With grant funding the Laredo TAG Center will bring together all resources and all enforcement partnerships to address a major security threat and gap along the South Texas border. Counties along the border continue to be a primary are for gangs and Mexican cartels to operate and engage in serious and violent gangs and other criminal organizations operating in and affecting the South Texas border region.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

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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, the City of Laredo will apply in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division to fund the Texas Anti-Gang Program FY2025 to be operated from September 01, 2024 through August 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo will use these funds to directly support and/or enhance a regional, multidisciplinary approach using coordinated gang prevention, intervention and suppression efforts through a Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division.

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

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the FY2025 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program. Funding will be used to pay for costs associated with the operation of the TAG Center such as personnel, rent, contractual costs, information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies and direct operating expenses. This grant does not require matching funds. The grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

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

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY