



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2858, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

2/5/2026

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to, and acceptance of grant funding from, the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to implement the Austin Police Department Regional Special Operations and Bomb Squad Training Program. Funding: \$89,855 is available from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. A City funding match is not required.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$89,855 is available from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the project period of October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027. No City expenditure is required.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Office of the City Manager reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution No. 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the State's Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$89,855 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027. A City match is not required.

State funding will allow the City to provide professional training on Intermediate Electronics to eight bomb squad responders and provide professional training on specialized energetic breaching for 24 officers. APD will make up to ten spots out of the 24 available to officers from neighboring departments in the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by the governing body that addresses items 1-5 below:

1. Authorization by the governing body for the submission of the application to the Office of the Governor that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, the applicant must update the resolution should the official change during the grant period.);
4. A designation of the name and/or title of the financial officer who is given the power to submit financial

and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant; and

5. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to Office of the Governor.