Memorandum



DATE:

May 23, 2014

TO

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT:

Tobacco Enforcement Program Supplemental Funds Acceptance

The City of Dallas has been awarded supplemental funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2013/2014 Tobacco Enforcement grant for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The grant amount is increased from \$80,025 to \$95,025. This grant does not require a match from the City of Dallas.

This grant was created to enforce Subchapter H, Chapter 161, Texas Health and Safety Code, to reduce the extent to which cigarettes and tobacco products are sold and distributed to persons younger than 18 years of age. The grant will provide funding for the overtime salaries of Vice personnel who will be conducting controlled buys and stings, and enforcement of minor in possession. Additionally, the grant will fund the payment of confidential informants used in controlled buys and for purchases of tobacco products by these informants.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the supplemental award for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda for May 28, 2014.

Ryan S. Evans

Interim First Assistant City Manager

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary Warren M. S. Ernst, City Attorney Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor Judge Daniel E. Solis, Administrative Judge Jill A. Jordan, P. E., Assistant City Manager Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Charles M. Cato, Interim Assistant City Manager Theresa O'Donnell, Interim Assistant City Manager Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer Shawn Williams, Interim Public Information Officer Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager