

Memorandum

Date: April 5, 2016

To: Seguin City Council
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Twila Wood, Purchasing Manager

Subject: 2017 Local Border Security Program

The Homeland Security Grants Division of the Governor's Office has solicited applications for projects that support Operation Border Star during the 2017 grant cycle. The purpose of the program is to sustain interagency law enforcement operations and enhance local law enforcement patrols in an effort to deter and facilitate directed actions to interdict criminal activity. These state funds are authorized by the Texas General Appropriations Act.

A grant application was submitted before the April 1st deadline for the Seguin Police Department requesting continued funding to allow the deployment of additional manpower to intercept the trafficking of drugs and weapons along Interstate 10 as well as State Highways 123 and 46. The City was awarded \$10,000 for this purpose during the 2016 grant cycle which ends August 31, 2016.

If awarded, the requested funds in the amount of \$21,168 will cover overtime costs and vehicle/fuel expenses associated with this project. This amount is based on the overtime rate and fringe benefits of two police officers working 25 hours per month plus a standard mileage rate for the use of a vehicle. No matching funds are required.

Approval of the application is recommended.