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To: Seguin City Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Kathy I. Wood, Grants Administrator

Subject: Submittal of Operation Lone Star Grant Program, FY2025

The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, is soliciting grant applications for Operation Lone Star. This grant is available to applicants where a local disaster declaration has been issued relating to border security issues. Guadalupe County recently passed such a resolution which enables our City to apply for this grant funding.

Operation Lone Star enables our law enforcement to secure funding for many of the activities that are currently conducted that have not been funded by the State. The police department will use this funding for law enforcement personnel working border operations, overtime to support officers on patrol and conducting border-related activities. Equipment is also funded using this grant and if awarded, we will purchase vehicles outfitted for canine units to assist the Joint Operations and Intelligence Centers as it relates to organized crime, terroristic activities, weapons trafficking arrests, kidnappings, human trafficking, human smuggling and activities with a border or organized crime nexus. These activities are routinely encountered within our City via I-10.

The total amount of the grant request should not exceed \$1million and there is no match with this funding.

The grant application requires an approved resolution from the City Council that contains the following:

1. Authorization for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly defines 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 the Authorized Official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate a grant; and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to the Public Service Office.

Staff requests approval of the resolution to submit with the grant application.