

# COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager

**DATE:** July 23, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Consider Resolution No. 2018-022, for the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services School Violence Prevention FY 2018 Grant Program

**PRESENTER:** Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

## **SUMMARY:**

The Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 gave the Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) authority to provide awards directly to states, units of local government, or Indian tribes to improve school safety and security measures at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee. The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding to acquire and install, at the schools in the Birdville Independent School District (BISD), enhanced emergency radio communication for expedited notification and law enforcement response to an emergency in the schools; door access control upgrades, access cards for faculty, and ID cards for students and teachers for additional security measure improvements.

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Congresswoman Kay Granger introduced legislation earlier this year that provides needed safety measures for schools. She successfully fought to include parts of her bill in the Stop School Violence Act, which was added to the Fiscal Year 2018 government funding bill (H.R. 1625) that became law in March.

Through the Bureau of Justice Assistance's section of the STOP School Violence Act of 2018, the new COPS Stop School Violence Program (SVPP) is designed to provide funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs. Each award recipient may receive a maximum federal share of \$500,000 funding through this competitive award program. Grantees must provide cash matching funds of at least 25 percent of the total project cost.

The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize available grant funding to acquire and install enhanced emergency radio communication at the schools in Birdville ISD for expedited notification and law enforcement response to an emergency in the schools; door access control upgrades, access cards for faculty, and ID cards for students and teachers for additional security measure improvements. BISD will be required to contribute a local cash match of at least 25 percent toward the total cost of the approved award project during the award period. The specified goals, objectives and targets for the project will be

developed and completed before the award announcements expected to be made the end of September.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution No. 2018-022