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To: Hon. Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina **Cc:** Economic Development

Re: Agenda Item **Date:** 3/20/2024

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- o Grant Award Notification, and
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From: *Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff*

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Subject: Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of a Rural Law Enforcement Grant (Texas Senate Bill 22) award for the Webb County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$500,000 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and as developed and submitted by Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer in conjunction with the Webb County Judge's Office for the hiring of additional staff and purchase of equipment; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any cash match; and, thus, there will be no impact to the general fund. It is renewable for up to 2 additional years. All required documents were sent to the Economic Development Department and were found in compliance with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff]**

Issue: Like other local law enforcement agencies across the United States, the Webb County Sheriff's Office utilizes limited financial, operational, and manpower resources to grapple with, prevent, deter, mitigate, and/or resolve various serious criminal justice matters that stem from a confluence of deeply rooted, difficult, and often highly complex societal problems.

Solution: Through the Texas Senate Bill 22 grant funds, the Webb County Sheriff's Office is able to hire additional staff and purchase additional equipment.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office law enforcement efforts will be enhanced and supplemented by the additional grant-funded personnel, equipment, and supplies.

Background: Senate Bill (SB) 22 was passed in the Texas 88th Regular Legislative Session. SB 22 establishes a grant program that will provide financial assistance to sheriff's departments in eligible counties to ensure professional law enforcement and legal representation of the people's interests throughout the state. The new law provides supplemental grant funding for different positions in rural areas.

Previous Court Action: This grant application was authorized by the court for submission by the Webb County Sheriff's Office on 01/08/2024.

Fiscal Impact

Budget Account Number: To Be Determined

Funding Source: Grant Revenue

Balance: Various

Financial Impact:

\$500,000 award for the Webb County Sheriff's Office. Thus, there will be no impact to the general fund.