

AN ORDINANCE **98033**

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A \$621,302.00 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG), FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, WHICH, IF AWARDED, WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A NEW FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED RADAR UNIT FOR THE POLICE HELICOPTER DETAIL, THREE ADDITIONAL AGGRESSIVE DRIVING CARS, VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT FOR TAPING FELONY CONFESSIONS, AND 24 HAND HELD RADAR UNITS FOR THE POLICE SUBSTATIONS; AND, IF AWARDED, AUTHORIZING A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,034.00.

WHEREAS, since 1996, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has awarded the City of San Antonio a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant which has been used to purchase police helicopters, vehicles, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, funds are awarded on the basis of the average of the last three years of violent crimes as reported to the FBI on the Uniform Crime Reports which may result in large disparities between awards to large cities and their corresponding counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal enabling legislation which allows a State's Attorney General to certify selected jurisdictions as disparate, the grants for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County have been combined and split equally; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, if awarded, will be used to purchase additional police equipment, including a new Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIF) unit for the Police Helicopter Detail, three additional aggressive driving cars, video and audio equipment for taping felony confessions, and 24 hand held radar units for the Police Substations; and

WHEREAS, an award of these grant funds would require a matching contribution of \$69,034.00, which will be provided utilizing Asset Seizure Funds; **NOW THEREFORE**:

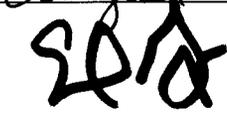
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to submit an application for a \$621,302.00 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG), from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, which, if awarded, will be used to purchase additional police equipment, including a new Forward Looking Infrared Radar unit for the Police Helicopter Detail, three additional aggressive driving cars, video and audio equipment for taping felony confessions, and 24 hand held radar units for the Police Substations. A matching contribution of \$69,034.00, utilized from Asset Seizure Fund, is hereby authorized in connection with the submission of the grant application.

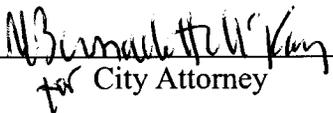
SECTION 2. Funding will be accomplished by way of a subsequent Ordinance should the grant funds be awarded.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect ten days from the date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of August, 2003.


MAYOR
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney