



Legislation Text

File #: 22-5636, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Sheriff's Office for approval of \$1,096,000 for the HCSO and/or partnering Commissioner Precincts to host up to eight gun buyback events allowing gun owners to surrender personal firearms in exchange for gift cards, funded by the FLEX Fund (1040).

Background and Discussion:

Gun buyback events allow gun owners to voluntarily and safely surrender personal firearms to Harris County Sheriff's Office personnel (and/or personnel from participating municipal law enforcement agencies), in exchange for gift cards. The program goals are to take unwanted firearms out of the community, thus reducing the potential for them to cycle through illegal networks or end up as potential hazards in the home.

Expected Impact:

Gun buyback efforts are expected to lower gun violence by reducing the number of guns in civilian hands. Jurisdictions hosting similar programs have collected between 560 to more than 800 firearms per event. A budget of \$1,096,000 would provide gift cards for up to 4,000 participants.

Alternative Options:

If Commissioners Court chooses not to approve this program, HCSO and participating precincts will not be able to host the gun buyback events.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
☐ Economic Opportunity
☐ Housing
☒ Public Health
☐ Transportation
☐ Flooding
☐ Environment
☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$80,000	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$1,016,000	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Other	\$	\$1,096,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$1,096,000	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$1,096,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			

Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 13, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Choose an item.

Contact(s) name, title, department: Noel Araguz, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office

Attachments (if applicable): Gun Buyback Proposal