

[Administrative Code - Regional Vehicle Interdiction Desk Grant Program - Waiving Competitive Solicitation Requirements for Procurements Using Grant Funds]

Ordinance waiving the competitive solicitation requirements under Chapters 14B and 21 of the Administrative Code for the Police Department's procurement of equipment, technology, and services for the Regional Vehicle Interdiction Desk using grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings

(a) The City and County of San Francisco and the surrounding region continue to experience significant harm from vehicle-based organized crime and the subsequent use of stolen vehicles in further criminal activity.

(b) These crimes impact San Francisco residents and businesses, threaten community safety, and require enhanced regional coordination and intelligence.

(c) The Police Department has been awarded a \$990,616 grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), under the FY 2024 BJA Field Initiated: Encouraging Innovation Grant, to support the establishment of a Regional Vehicle Interdiction Desk (RVID) within the Police Department's Real Time Investigations Center. The grant award is on file with the Board of Supervisors in File No. 250715.

1 (d) The RVID Project includes funding for a civilian analyst to combat carjacking and
2 the use of carjacked vehicles in organized crime, software to support intelligence gathering
3 and investigations, and a public awareness campaign.

4 (e) Following the award of the grant for the RVID Project in December 2024, the
5 current Federal Administration has instructed federal agencies to conduct comprehensive
6 reviews of financial assistance, and has signaled an intent to withhold or rescind broad
7 categories of grant funding.

8 (f) In April 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that it was terminating
9 approximately \$811 million in grant funding, including more than \$535 million cut from BJA
10 awards to local law enforcement.

11 (g) These cuts underscore that delays in expending awarded funds present a risk of
12 rescission or loss of funds, particularly for regional initiatives like the RVID Project.

13 (h) It is in the City's best interest to proceed quickly to expend the BJA grant funds,
14 which are critical to disrupting vehicle-based organized crime and safeguarding public safety.

15 (i) Waiving competitive solicitation requirements will expedite procurement of contract
16 services for program evaluation and research, software systems, and the public awareness
17 campaign for the RVID Project, and help ensure the City can swiftly deploy these resources in
18 the face of mounting federal funding threats.

19 (j) For these reasons, it is in the public interest to waive competitive solicitation
20 requirements under Administrative Code Chapters ~~14B~~ and 21 for the procurement of
21 equipment, technology and services for the RVID Project with the BJA grant funds.

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23 Section 2. Waiver of Competitive Solicitation Requirements.
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The competitive solicitation requirements of Administrative Code Chapters ~~14B~~ and 21 shall not apply to the Police Department's purchase of equipment, technology, or services using the grant funds awarded under the BJA Regional Vehicle Interdiction Desk Project

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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