



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future item for the City Council meeting of June 9, 2015  
Action Item for the City Council meeting of June 16, 2015

**DATE:** May 27, 2015  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
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Approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for funding eligible under the FY 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application in the amount of \$125,000 to the U.S. Department of Justice for funding eligible under the FY 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program with City in-kind match of \$50,000 and cash match of \$75,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for a total project cost of \$250,000.

### **PURPOSE:**

Request grant funding to enhance the existing 84 body worn cameras which were provided to the Police Department through the Nueces County District Attorney's office in 2014.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Law enforcement agencies across the country and worldwide are using body-worn cameras (BWCs) as a promising tool to improve law enforcement interactions with the public. BWCs can provide a visual and audio record of interactions. Some preliminary evidence indicates that the presence of BWCs helps strengthen accountability and transparency, and can assist in de-escalating conflicts, resulting in more constructive encounters between the police and members of the community. This competitive solicitation is for law enforcement agencies seeking to **establish or enhance** BWC Policy and Implementation Programs (PIP).

**The City is applying under CATEGORY 4: BWC PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT.** This funding category seeks to assist agencies with existing BWC programs and established BWC policies and practices that want to expand their program to more officers. Funds under Category 4 should be used for cameras and the associated hardware, software licenses, and contractual agreements directly related to program expansion. Applicants may request no more than \$250,000 under this category. Applicants may satisfy the 50% match requirement with either cash contributions or in-kind contributions of goods or services that are directly related to the purpose for which the grant was awarded.

The grant funds will provide for a maximum of 100 body cameras, storage, software, and licenses. The cash match will be provided by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The in-kind contribution is for a percentage of time the four employees currently working with the body camera system. Estimated annual maintenance cost after the warranty period is \$7,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Finance  
Legal

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

X Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2015-2016</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item			\$75,000	\$75,000
BALANCE			\$75,000	\$75,000

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

**Comments:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends submitting the application.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**