



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of April 26, 2022

DATE: April 26, 2022
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Acceptance and appropriation of the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2022 for the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the State of Texas Body-Worn Camera Grant Program with a City cash match of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of replacement Panasonic body cameras and related equipment for the Police Department; and appropriating \$75,000 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

State funding has been awarded through the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2022 for projects to equip peace officers with body-worn cameras.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Police Department purchased Panasonic body worn camera and in car camera system in 2019. The Police Department currently has 224 body worn cameras issued to field officers.

CCPD's current body-worn camera batteries lose their ability to hold a charge as they age. Since the body-worn cameras each have an internal battery, the body-worn camera units must be shipped to the manufacturer for battery replacement at a cost of \$200.00 per unit. This causes CCPD to continually spend funds shipping the units for battery changeouts. It also risks the chance of having batteries fail before or during critical incidents when body-worn cameras are needed.

Purchasing new cameras for the CCPD helps ensure that they do not have equipment failures during critical incidents and will help reduce costs associated with shipping camera units to the manufacturer for battery replacements. This project will also ensure that CCPD has the ability to continually update the cameras with the latest technology available from Panasonic through proactive purchasing.

As part of this process, the cameras that are at end of their useful lives will be identified and replaced with the new ones provided for by the grant. The City's Information Technology (IT) Department actively works with CCPD's Operations Division to maintain a working cache of body-

worn cameras and will continue to do so with the new supply. Over the next three years 250 body-worn cameras will be replaced as they fail.

This project will ensure that CCPD continues to update the cameras with the latest technology available from Panasonic through proactive purchasing and the replacement of body-worn cameras that will begin to fail due to age.

The funding from the State will provide for the following:

1. Body Worn Cameras (59)
2. Magnetic mounts for cameras on officers (100)
3. Five-year warranty on 59 body worn cameras
4. Eight-bay charging dock to charge cameras (10)
5. In car synch dock for officers to download camera footage in vehicle (41)

A 25% cash match of \$25,000.00 is available from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

The grant period is from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

This is the second time that the City has received the grant. The first was in 2018 for \$156,000 for 150 body cameras.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and find available funding within the General Fund to begin replacement of the body worn cameras as they fail.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Body Worn Camera Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Body Worn Camera Program with a cash transfer of \$25,000.00 from the FY 2022 Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

Funding Detail

Fund 1074
Organization/Activity: 826100F
Mission Element: 151
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 - Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$25,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting of the grant award, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter