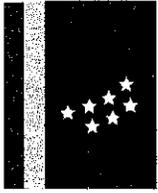


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AF 2016 #52

To: Thomas Bonfield, City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Date: December 28, 2015
RE: Request to use Forfeiture Funds in an amount up to, but not to exceed, \$250,000 to purchase Body Worn Cameras and related equipment and services

Executive Summary:

The Police Department proposes to use forfeiture funds to purchase body worn cameras (BWCs) and other equipment and services to support the department's body worn camera program in an amount up to but not exceeding \$250,000. BWCs will provide audio/video evidence that can be used in criminal investigations, internal investigations, and judicial proceedings.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Manager authorize the use of forfeiture funds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 to purchase body worn cameras and supporting equipment and services.

Background:

BWCs have emerged as an effective means for law enforcement agencies to provide video evidence of officer / citizen interactions. The footage that these cameras capture can be used in criminal as well as complaint investigations, for officer training purposes, and as evidence in court cases.

In 2015, the City published a Request For Proposals (RFP) for a BWC system for the police department and received eight responsive proposals. These proposals were evaluated by a selection committee consisting of both sworn officers and non-sworn personnel from the department's IT Division. The two solutions that were rated the highest by the committee were then field-tested, and the Viewu LE3 BWC was ultimately selected. The department is planning to purchase up to 520 BWCs and provide one to all sworn officers at the rank of Captain and below.

The funds requested here will be used to supplement approximately \$268,000 in general fund expenditures to support the department's BWC program. The pre-tax cost of the program in FY16 is expected to be no more than \$518,338, which itemizes as follows.

Contract with Viewu, Inc.	\$366,738.00
Mobile upload software	\$31,850.00
Storage	\$95,000.00
PC's @ districts	\$8,000.00
Additional District 4 Switch	\$4,000
District TWC upgrades	\$12,750.00

Financial impact:

The current available balance in Asset Forfeiture and Controlled Substance Tax Distribution Funds according to the general ledger is \$1,152,422.09. As outlined in the attached reconciliation, \$471,560.12 is reserved for approved purposes, and \$543,000 is earmarked for support of other departmental needs. Earmarked funds include the \$250,000 requested herein.

Upon approval of this request, the balance of funds not obligated or earmarked will be \$137,861.97.

SDBE:

This is a request to use funds for the purposes indicated. The Purchasing Department will follow SDBE guidelines and proper procurement procedures in making the actual purchase.

Approve Do Not Approve Requires Further Discussion



Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

1-6-16
Date