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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 43 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>15-935</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>15-279</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Request and recommend approval to submit an application for the 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Competitive Grant.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Police Department requests and recommends approval to submit an application for funding through the US Department of Justice (USDOJ) 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Competitive Grant program. Grant funding provides approximately 50% of the cost to purchase 250 body-worn cameras for sworn police officers who have direct contact with citizens, to wear while on duty. Grant funding pays a portion of the cost to acquire body-worn cameras, server/data storage, maintenance agreement, software licensing, training, and charging stations. This grant does require a 50% local match requirement; the Police Department expects to use donations from private sources to finance the local match.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$506,050 (Grant funding equals \$252,180 with matching funds of \$253,870)

Funding Source: New Organization Code to be added upon grant award, to Special Revenue and Other Funds section of the Police Budget. Matching funds will be from PD229000 Police Training and Equipment both on Page 211 of the Recommended Budget Department Detail for Fiscal Year (FY) Ending June 30, 2016.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Police Department received notification in May that the USDOJ was seeking applications for the 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Competitive Grant Program. The Police Department has been researching body-worn camera equipment as well as policy demands associated with the use of the cameras over the past year.

The department has tested some of the available manufacturer’s models and styles in an effort to gain knowledge of the equipment to meet the high expectation of law enforcement. This resulted in the decision to pursue funding to purchase the equipment as a necessary part of officer safety, evidence collections, and as a training tool.

The cameras will provide real life accounts of citizen and officer interactions allowing visual support for the written police reports. These recordings offer new recruits the opportunity to review actual duty scenarios and increase their problem-solving abilities. Seasoned officers will have the opportunity to review situations for self-improvement.

The camera records a panoramic view with a 130 degree lens. This allows the first responders to record the scene and the situation in a much wider and more detailed account. The body-worn camera will enable recording of the scenes and situation to continue after the in-car camera range of motion stops such as when an officer enters a structure. The recording will have both audio and visual capabilities for a complete record of calls for service.

Private donations to the Police Department for the purchase of body-worn cameras currently total \$125,000. More private donations to this program are anticipated in the near future.

An announcement from USDOJ, including a list of grantee police departments, occurs later this year.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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