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	Agenda Item No. 41 Roll Call No. <u>16-691</u> Communication No. <u>16-205</u> Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the submittal of an application for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program grant.

SYNOPSIS:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released a solicitation for the application for funding body-worn cameras with a submittal date of April 27, 2016. The grant would provide up to \$1,500 for each body camera system purchased. The Police Department seeks to apply for 300 systems for \$450,000.

The City would be required to match the award to cover at least 50% of the total program costs. This portion would cover essential expenses such as data storage, licensing, implementation and uniform clips. The Police Department plans to commit \$463,377 to the program.

The department views the implementation of body cameras as crucial to maintaining public trust and transparency. National studies credit the devices with impartially preserving video evidence, reducing complaints, improving behavior, and reducing physical force during police interactions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

- Requested grant funding request: \$450,000
- Required DOJ Matching Funds: \$463,377

Funding Source: A Special Revenue budget will be established if the grant is awarded.

To advance this critical program, the Police Department has tentatively identified resources in the general fund, other grants and private contributions. Receiving funds from this grant may allow some of the earmarked funds to be used for other priorities or retained to fund anticipated program expenses related to increased storage, staff and the scheduled replacement of equipment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department has issued body-worn cameras to School Resource Officers for over three (3) years and found them to be very beneficial with criminal investigations and resolving complaints. Planning for a broader deployment has involved a thorough review of national guidelines and recommendations (DOJ, Community Oriented Policing Services, Police Executive Research Forum, ACLU, International Association of Chiefs of Police, NAACP, etc.), training sessions, demonstrations,

references and field trials. Police staff have consulted numerous local stakeholders (legal, advocacy groups, neighborhoods, crime victims, privacy, media, etc.) to develop the best possible program.

In September, the Police Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified vendors to provide up to 300 body cameras and up to 100 in-car cameras. The review committee has identified the two (2) best proposals as finalists and scheduled in-person interviews (April) and field tests (May – July) to conclude the selection process. The Department plans to make a recommendation to Council in the coming months with program implementation to follow. In the meantime, they will continue to seek community input and support for the program.

Although funding has been identified to implement the program, additional resources from this grant or other sources would help ensure program sustainability by helping to fund anticipated expenses related to increased storage, staff and the scheduled replacement of equipment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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