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	Agenda Item No.	51
	Roll Call No.	<u>18-0894</u>
	Communication No.	<u>18-251</u>
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the submission of an application for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program grant.

SYNOPSIS:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released a solicitation to receive applications for funding to support body-worn camera programs with a submittal date of May 31, 2018. The Police Department seeks to apply for \$85,800 to purchase 75 camera systems to expand the current body-worn camera program.

The City would be required to match the award to cover at least 50% of the total expansion project costs. This portion would cover essential expenses such as data licenses, charging stations and uniform mounting options. The Police Department has tentatively identified matching funds sources as private funding or forfeited funds to satisfy the required matching funds of \$86,136.

The additional cameras requested in the grant will expand the number of cameras systems available during large-scale events such as the Iowa State Fair, replacement cameras with depleted battery charge during extended shifts, and increasing the pool of cameras for off-duty work. Cameras would also be made available to Meter Enforcement Checkers and Police Reserve Officers.

Body-worn cameras can be credited with impartially preserving video evidence, reducing complaints, improving behavior, and reducing physical force during police interactions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Amount:</u> Grant funding request:	\$85,800
Required matching funds:	\$86,136

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Police Department issued body-worn cameras to the School Resource Officers in 2011. This limited rollout demonstrated the value of the cameras and the set in motion plans to vastly expand the program to all officers on patrol.

- In September 2015, 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. In 2016, the Police Department applied for and received a \$450,000 award through the 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation grant program to support the purchase of the body-worn cameras.
- Watchguard Enforcement Video was selected as a vendor for the body-worn camera and in-car video products. In April 2017, the full rollout of all 300 cameras was completed. This included deployed to officers including Patrol, Detectives, and Neighborhood Based Service Delivery (NBSD) officers.
- In July 2016, Council authorized the creation of the Des Moines Police Foundation with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation for the purpose of governing funds associated with donations to the Des Moines Police Department body camera programs. The Police Foundation has evolved into the Guardian Project which is a 501(c)(3) which has raised funds for future police technology needs. The Guardian Project is the likely source for the matching funds requirement.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 25, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-1215](#)

Action: [Committee](#) advised fund agreement with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation to establish a fund entitled Des Moines Police Foundation. ([Council Communication No. 16-396](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 25, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0691](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of an application for FY 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant. ([Council Communication No. 16-205](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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