

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: October 8, 2018
	Agenda Item No. 25 Roll Call No. <u>18-1674</u> Communication No. <u>18-504</u> Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the acceptance of award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department submitted an application with Council approval on May 28, 2018 for funding to support and expand the current body-worn camera program. On September 27, 2018 the department received notice from the U.S. Department of Justice that funding has been awarded in the amount requested, \$87,502 with a mandatory match of \$87,502. The department has tentatively identified the source of the matching funds as private donations and/or asset forfeiture funding.

The additional cameras requested will expand the number of cameras available during large scale events such as the Iowa State Fair, maintain the number of cameras available when cameras needing repair are out of service and increase the number of cameras available to Meter Enforcement personnel and 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:

Amount: \$87,502 grant award
\$87,502 required matching funds

Funding Source: Special Revenue Fund page 206 of the Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail, Fiscal Year 2019

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.
- During the May 21, 2018, City Council meeting approval was obtained for the submission of the grant application to purchase 75 additional body-worn cameras to the U.S. Department of Justice. The funding requested was in the amount of \$87,502 with a mandatory match of 50% to be supplied from private funding and/or Asset Forfeiture funds.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 21, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-0893](#)

Action: [Submission](#) of an application for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program grant. ([Council Communication No. 18-251](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

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