

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number: 22-108	Meeting: March 21, 2022
	Agenda Item: 54	Roll Call: 22-444
	Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase 49 night vision eye pieces with helmet mount and carrying case from Safeware Inc. (4403 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD, 20706, Ed Simons, CEO, President) to be used by the statewide tactical response/weapons of mass destruction teams.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends the purchase of night vision equipment for the statewide tactical response/weapons of mass destruction teams. This equipment attaches to the helmet for efficient operations and can be removed and stored in a hard case. The rugged vision assistance equipment allows for illuminated sight in low light locations.

The City of Des Moines will receive 12 sets of the night vision with helmet mount and case with the remaining 37 being distributed to the statewide teams. This equipment is available per the State of Iowa Contract # 19211B, Master Agreement # 4400008468 Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$470,345.61

Funding Source: The 2020 and 2021 Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction Grant on page 199 of the FY2022 Adopted Operating Budget, Special Revenues and Other Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The night vision equipment has been approved by the Homeland Security Oversight and Steering Committee for purchase using the 2020 and 2021 Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD/SWAT) awarded grant funding. The City of Des Moines serves as the financial manager for the grant funds with the understanding that the funds must support all the certified statewide WMD/tactical teams. The purchase of the night vision equipment will replace aged equipment for the five (5) statewide teams.

- The night vision equipment is attached to the officers' helmet by a "Wilson mount" which allows the equipment to be drawn down in front of the officers' eyes or lifted out of the way in a quick efficient manner. The equipment uses infrared lighting to illuminate low light or dark areas, so officers can see and identify objects. This allows officers to efficiently maneuver through the area.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 18, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1570](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction and Explosive Ordnance Detection 2021 Grant Awards. ([Council Communication No. 21-435](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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