

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>24-477</b>	Meeting:	<b>December 9, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>37</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-1653</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Requesting approval to use grant funding awarded through the 2024 Homeland Security and Emergency Management grant to purchase a quantity of 70 Air Purifying Respirators (APRs) from Safeware, Inc. (4403 Forbes Blvd., Lanham Seabrook, Maryland 20706, Edward A. Simons, President) in the amount of \$144,523.60 to support statewide Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) teams. This purchase will be procured through competitive bid process utilize the State of Iowa Contract No. 19211C and the Omnia Agreement No. 440008468 from Safeware, Inc.

## SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends the purchase of 70 Air Purifying Respirators from Safeware, Inc. to be used by the statewide WMD teams. This purchase will be funded through the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program. The City is the fiscal agent for the grant award and is responsible for purchasing equipment that must benefit all the statewide teams. There are currently seven (7) certified teams with 10 members per team. Each member will be assigned an Air Purifying Respirator (APR) for use as protection against harmful airborne chemicals or pathogens. Basic maintenance of the respirators is the responsibility of the team's employing agency.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: 144,523.60

Funding Source: Special Revenues and Other Funding (Page 218) of the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2025

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines serves as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant funds. The City will purchase APRs to replace aged equipment identified by the WMD/Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Tactical Task Force Leadership Committee. Each team will receive 10 APRs to distribute to their team members. The individual teams will also assume the responsibility for any basic maintenance on the equipment. The respirators fit closely to the face with a clear face shield and two (2) filters to remove airborne gases and particulates. The current APRs were purchased more than seven (7) years ago. The respirators have a recommended use of five (5) years to maintain the close fit around the face. The respirators are part of the mandated equipment required to be certified to address Chemical, Biological, Environmental, and Natural (CBRN) events.

- The City Procurement Administrator determined the purchase of these APRs were available from Safeware using the State of Iowa Contract No. 19211C and the Omnia Agreement No. 440008468. The Municipal Code Section 2-726(k) which provides for the procurement of goods and/or services from contracts that have been competitively established by the State of Iowa, without conforming to the competitive bidding requirements of the City's Procurement Division.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1362](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant awards on behalf of the statewide WMD/SWAT team in the amount of \$156,205 and the Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) team in the amount of \$253,340. ([Council Communication No. 24-380](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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