



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3026, Agenda Item #: 37.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for, and acceptance of, grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department Special Operations EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$109,369 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A City funding match is not required.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$109,369 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022.

JAG funding will improve the ability of APD Special Operations personnel to respond to EOD calls for service with the purchase of:

- Two ICOR Mini Caliber Robots (\$45,450 each)
- One 3D printer to replace damaged parts (\$3,499)
- Two Qinetiq Fragmentation Bags (\$1,100 each)
- Two Subgravity Diver Propulsion vehicles with navigation (\$6,385 each)

This is a one-time equipment-only project.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that includes items one through four below.

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.