

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 18, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: Melton Sadler, Director of Emergency Management

Council Action Requested:

Items related to a 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety’s Emergency Management Division:

- a. Adoption of a Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant award.
- b. Amendment to the FY 2017-2018 Project Budget Ordinance.

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community
Strategic Objective: Improve Public Safety Service Quality
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emergency Management Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$11,500 from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety’s Emergency Management Division. Grant funds will be used to purchase new radios for the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) response team. WSPD’s EOD team is a regional resource that routinely responds to EOD emergencies outside of Winston-Salem. Currently, communications are dangerously limited to portable devices that are not interoperable with other county agencies’ communications systems. The acquisition of new radios will increase law enforcement safety while also enhancing response efforts through increased ability to communicate during these incidents. There is no match for this grant.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Public Safety 12/11/17</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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