

Information Item

Date: December 13, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
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Subject:

Information Regarding Application for Project Safe Neighborhood Grant Funding for Fusus Core Technology

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: Reduce Crime and Fear of Crime

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) has been invited by the United States Attorney's Office Middle District to apply for funding under the Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) grant program. The PSN grant program is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through sustained violent crime reduction. The effectiveness of PSN is directly dependent on a unified approach, utilizing partnerships between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. There is no match required for this grant.

WSPD will submit an application for PSN grant funding to purchase a core camera technology system. This type of system offers several benefits to law enforcement and the community:

- Automatically detects and connects to specific cameras that are already part of a building's network
- Can be added to existing public and/or private systems, allowing access to live streaming video feeds|
- Operates under policy-based sharing, which means the camera owner decides when they want to share livestream (continuously, on emergency, or at any other time they designate)
- Enhances existing video security infrastructure by bringing all feeds into a common platform, enabling greater workplace safety in a variety of spaces, including retail stores, office buildings, shopping malls, gas stations, or parking facilities
- Improves law enforcement's ability to investigate crime on a real-time basis, as well as assisting with rapid response to emergencies