

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 14, 2019

To: The City Manager

From: Damon C. Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
Robert Reece, Emergency Management Coordinator

Council Action Requested:

Items Related to a 2018 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 2018-2019 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 \$12,159 from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety’s Emergency Management Division. This is an extension of grant funds accepted during the fiscal year 2017-2018. Grant funds will be used to complete the purchase of new radios and radio equipment for the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) response team. WSPD’s EOD team is a regional resource that routinely responds to EOD emergencies outside of Winston-Salem. Communications were dangerously limited to portable devices that were not interoperable with other county agencies’ communications systems. The additional acquisition of new radios and radio equipment 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 Finance 1/14/19	Action	Approval
Public Safety 1/14/19		
For Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: