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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police
Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 13, 2020

RE: 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Council Action Item

On April 20, 2020, the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) submitted a grant application to fund a real-time crime center through the Fiscal Year 2020 Strategies for Policing Innovation grant. If funded, the grant award would be a maximum of \$700,000. The estimated budget for the real-time crime center (as of April 2020) is \$1,000,450. When requesting approval from City Council to apply for the 2020 Strategies for Policing Innovation grant, possible funding sources mentioned that could help finance the remaining costs for the real-time crime center included a donation from the Winston-Salem Police Foundation and the Fiscal Year 2020 Justice Assistance grant.

WSPD staff confirmed that per the JAG grant solicitation, a list of equipment for purchase must be provided at the time the JAG application is submitted. There is a process prior to items being purchased for the organization to submit modifications if needed. If the Winston-Salem Police Department is awarded the 2020 Strategies for Policing Innovation grant, it will use its portion of the 2020 JAG grant to help finance the remaining expenses for the real-time crime center. If the agency is not awarded this grant, the Winston-Salem Police Department will use its portion of 2020 Justice Assistance Grant funds to purchase the following:

- Office chairs for Records Division (\$12,648)
- Color scanner for Records Division (\$2,975)
- Smart board for Criminal Investigations Division conference room (\$5,600)
- Laptops patrol officers (\$18,000)
- Additional Cellebrite UFED software license for extracting data from mobile devices and other computer equipment, required due to increased workload (\$9,000)
- Small size surveillance cameras (\$8,400)
- Photogrammetry drone mapping software for crime scene and traffic accident reconstruction (\$3,505)
- Accelerometer for traffic accident reconstruction, providing more accurate speed and braking data prior to crash (\$5,295)

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- Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Imaging Technology for improved visibility at night as well as enhanced surveillance activities (\$3,400)
- Portable X-Ray generator for WSPD Bomb Squad technicians to have a more expeditious, safe response to mobile hazardous device incidents (\$5,000)
- Existing X-Ray hardware upgrade to current X-Ray source ensuring compliance with industry standards and best practices (\$2,400)
- Replacement polygraph machine for investigative purposes (\$6,300)
- Tracking software to ensure efficient internal investigations by WSPD's Professional Standards Division (\$13,500)

Once the JAG grant is submitted, the timeframe for procuring the requested items is generally six to eight months. The notification date for awardees of the 2020 Strategies for Policing Innovation grant is unknown, as the Department of Justice does not provide this information. However, awards are generally announced by October.

If the 2020 JAG grant funds are used to finance the real-time crime center project, there is potential to augment the new security camera pilot program. This pilot program, which allows law enforcement access to private security camera footage, could be enhanced by adding cameras in "blind spots," or areas in the city identified by law enforcement as needing additional cameras to capture video.