

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 13, 2021

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
August Vernon, Emergency Management Director

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Homeland Security Grant Program

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community
Strategic Objective: No
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

With approval of this action item, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management will submit for a \$50,000 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) regional grant through the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM). This 100% reimbursable federal grant can be used by the Winston-Salem Police Department’s (WSPD) Hazardous Device Unit (HDU) to purchase a new, advanced portable XR150 X-ray generator. Portable x-rays are used by bomb technicians around the world to investigate suspect, dangerous and suspicious packages/devices/items.

This project was selected by the Domestic Preparedness Regional (DPR) Committee as a top priority since the HDU responds to 30 counties in central North Carolina. This device will increase the response capabilities of the HDU and create a safer working environment for the team’s personnel, first responders and the public. The tentative timeline for the project would allow the purchase of the equipment in October 2021 and close the grant out in early 2022.

Committee Action:

Committee	Public Safety 9/13/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			