

Memorandum



DATE: October 21, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Upcoming Agenda Item 13: Authorize (1) the purchase of one medium duty explosives robot – Remotec, Inc., in the amount of \$200,703, sole source; and (2) the purchase of medium duty explosives robot accessories - Remotec, Inc., in the amount of \$100,468 through the General Services Administration - Total not to exceed \$301,171**

This action will allow for the purchase of one medium duty explosives robot to be used by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team comprised of Police and Fire personnel. Personnel on this team are uniquely trained in identifying, handling, deactivating and disposing of explosive devices.

The EOD team utilizes the mobilization of robots when assessing explosive devices and is a critical component during the disposition process of explosive units. The purchase will replace a unit that has been in operation since 1994. The current robot has met its useful life and is no longer financially feasible to maintain and the model is no longer supported by the manufacturer. However, the Police Department will continue to utilize the current robot for future training scenarios. The utilization of the new robot will make available many of the newer technologies needed to assist the EOD team in managing explosive threats.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this purchase of one medium duty explosives robot. This item will be placed on the October 26, 2016, City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Draft Agenda Item B: Authorize a three-year master agreement for traffic radar units - Applied Concepts, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments - Not to exceed \$239,010**

This action will allow for the purchase of one medium duty explosives robot to be used by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team comprised of Police and Fire personnel. Personnel on this team are uniquely trained in identifying, handling, deactivating and disposing of explosive devices.

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SUBJECT: **Upcoming *Draft* Agenda Item C: Authorize (1) acceptance of the 2016 Homeland Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security, which includes the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program to provide funding for equipment acquisition, planning and training activities to enable the City to respond to natural and man-made disasters for the period October 1, 2016 through November 30, 2018; and (2) execution of the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$5,787,076**

In October of 2016, the Department of Homeland Security announced its grant funding for the 2016 award year. As a designated recipient of this funding, the City of Dallas has applied for and been awarded \$5,787,075.50 to build our capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from a terrorist attack or natural disaster. There is no local match requirement for this grant.

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is comprised of several grant programs and we generally receive awards under two of those categories, the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). This year we were solely awarded through the UASI funding stream. Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, salaries, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration costs.

Under UASI, the City of Dallas has been awarded \$5,787,075.50. UASI focuses on the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, with specific carve outs for Law Enforcement activities and Management and Administration of the grant. It assists us in building sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism.

This award will be used to fund:

- Enhancements to the City's communications systems
- Law Enforcement Training and Equipment enhancements
- Equipment and Maintenance for the Dallas Fire Department's US&R and HazMat teams
- Security Enhancements for Jack Evans Police Headquarters
- Enhancements to the City's Emergency Operations Center
- Planning, training and exercise of emergency management and first responder personnel

From 2003 - 2015, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Dallas over \$90 million in grant funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program. These funds are awarded based on an analysis of a region's risk level and the effectiveness of the grant application.

The Office of Emergency Management is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize the acceptance of this 2016 Homeland Security Grant. This item will be placed on the November 9, 2016, City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming *Draft* Agenda Items D & E: Authorize (1) an application for and acceptance of the 2017 Internet Crimes Against Children Continuation Grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, for response to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated by the use of computer technology related to the investigation of the Internet-facilitated child exploitation, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and (2) execution of the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$488,767**

Authorize a continuation of cooperative working agreements with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$5,000, Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$7,500, Potter County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$3,000, Collin County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$18,000, Taylor County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,000, Wichita County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$5,000, Lubbock Police Department in the amount of \$23,000, Arlington Police Department in the amount of \$13,000, Garland Police Department in the amount of \$13,000, Longview Police Department in the amount of \$15,000, Amarillo Police Department in the amount of \$9,000, Abilene Police Department in the amount of \$5,500, Fort Worth Police Department in the amount of \$10,000 and the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$37,000, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 through the 2017 Internet Crimes Against Children Continuation Grant supplement from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 - Total not to exceed \$167,000

The City of Dallas has been awarded continuation funding in the amount of \$488,767 for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Grant award 2016-MC-FX-K034. In this grant award, \$167,000 is also awarded for cooperative working agreements.

The grant will pay full salary and benefits for two Police detectives, equipment, travel/training, and expenses for the Dallas Police Department's ICAC Squad. This grant will also provide funding for the District Attorney's Offices in Dallas, Tarrant and Potter Counties; and the Collin County, Taylor County and Wichita County Sheriff's Offices; and the Police Department in the Cities of Lubbock, Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Arlington, Garland, and Longview. All the funds will be for each agency to use on equipment, training, undercover expenses, and overtime as related to their Internet Crimes Against Children efforts.

This grant will also provide funding for the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center to sponsor scholarships for smaller agencies that normally would not be able to send representative to the 2017 Crimes Against Children Conference to be held in Dallas.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the City of Dallas – 2017 Internet Crimes Against Children Continuation Grant and approve cooperative working agreements. The City is looking for both items to be considered together on the Agenda. These items will be placed on the November 9, 2016, City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming *Draft* Agenda Item F: Authorize (1) an application for and acceptance of the City of Dallas - Intellectual Property Taskforce grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (Bureau of Justice Assistance), to initiate and address intellectual property theft in the areas of piracy, forgery and counterfeiting of various items for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018; and (2) execution of the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$358,534**

This is the Dallas Police Department's second time to be awarded this grant. The grant funds will continue funding one Sergeant for a two-year period with an additional two detectives to be committed to this unit from the Financial Investigations in support of the police department's mission of combating Intellectual Property Crimes (piracy and counterfeit items) for sale in the City of Dallas. The Police Department operates under a Memorandum of Understanding with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, Grand Prairie Police Department, and Dallas County to help create an enhanced information sharing system on intellectual property crime. In addition, these agencies work together to increase public awareness and education related to these particular crimes.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the Intellectual Property Taskforce Grant. This item will be placed on the November 9, 2016, City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming *Draft* Agenda Item G: Authorize (1) an application for and acceptance of the Dallas Police Athletic League grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention pass through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the purchase of equipment and protective gear for a boxing club program at the Forest Audelia Boxing Center, and purchase laptops for tutoring and the collection of data for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; and (2) execution of the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$34,030**

The Dallas Police Athletic League (PAL) provides athletic and recreational opportunities for youth as an outlet for them to learn discipline and anger management. The Boxing Club Program is a part of the constructive influence of police officers and other responsible adults from the community, who volunteer their time to be positive role models to discourage youth from negative lifestyle choices such as gangs, drugs, and criminal activities.

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division has awarded \$34,030 to the City of Dallas Police Department Dallas PAL Grant for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 (Grant No. 2016-JF-FX-0008), to be used to purchase a boxing ring, equipment and protective gear to establish a boxing club program. The funds will also go to purchase laptops in support of tutoring youth in the program who struggle with homework and academic courses. The laptops will also be used to collect data in support of the program.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the Dallas PAL Grant. This item will be placed on the November 9, 2016, City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Draft Agenda Item H: Authorize (1) an application for and acceptance of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the hiring of twenty five police officers in the amount of \$3,125,000 over a three-year grant period from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019; (2) a local match in the amount of \$1,909,268; (3) add twenty five (25) police officer positions; and (4) execution of the grant agreement - Total not to exceed \$5,034,268**

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant is a competitive salary reimbursement program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

The City of Dallas has been awarded twenty-five (25) new officer positions, for a total grant amount of \$3,125,000. This is the maximum amount that could be awarded under the 2016 grant. The City of Dallas will provide \$1,909,268 in matching funds, for a 38% overall match. The City provides 22% of the match for year one and the match progressively increases to 43% for year three. After the three-year award period, the positions will be 100% funded by the City of Dallas, and must be maintained for at least twelve months.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the FY 16-17 COPS Hiring Program Grant. This item will be placed on the November 9, 2016, City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Draft Agenda Item I: Authorize (1) an amendment to the interlocal contract between City of Dallas and Dallas County Community College District (dba El Centro College) to ensure corresponding reimbursement to the City to modify the clauses of the original contract and increase total appropriation in amount not to exceed \$75,000 from \$400,548 to \$475,548, for the two-year period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and (2) make payment to Dallas County Community College District (dba El Centro College for the tuition costs of the officers that attend these classes in an amount not to exceed \$75,000**

The City of Dallas contract with the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) on behalf of El Centro College has been amended by modifications of the clauses within the original contract. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board reimburses public colleges and universities for a percentage of classroom instruction and supplies provided by Dallas Police Officers. In partnership with the City of Dallas, El Centro College has reimbursed the City for certifiable instructional hours for the past 40 years.

Recent clarifications to the policies governing the eligibility for acquiring these funds has determined that only tuition based courses are eligible for reimbursement. Per the modifications of the contract, the City will be paid an increase from \$19.24 to \$26.44 from the College for each certifiable instructional hour the Police Department provides. The College's total payment to the City for the duration of this Contract will increase \$75,000. The College shall invoice the City quarterly tuition at a rate of \$5.00 per student enrollment for In-Service Training classes and \$25.00 per student for each section of the basic peace officer academy not to exceed \$125.00 per participant. The total tuition amount shall not exceed \$75,000.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to authorize this amendment to the current interlocal agreement between City of Dallas and DCCCD (dba El Centro College) to reflect changes in the reimbursement policy for instructional services under this contract. This item has been placed on the agenda for the November 9, 2016, City Council meeting.



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SUBJECT: **Upcoming *Draft Addendum Item J: Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Dallas and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SPCA) of Texas authorizing the SPCA to provide investigative follow-up for offenses reported as Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals as specified under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 42.092 – No Cost Consideration to the City***

The Dallas Police Department (DPD) responds to and investigates approximately 300 offenses per year that are classified in the Texas Penal Code 42.092 as Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals. Currently, these offenses are assigned to DPD property crimes detectives assigned to patrol stations for follow-up.

The MOU will allow the SPCA to provide investigative follow-up and case filing with the Dallas County District Attorney as needed for all Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animal cases at no cost to the City. The SPCA will provide a licensed peace officer commissioned by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office who is trained specifically to investigate and file cases of animal cruelty. The SPCA special investigator assigned to the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office will be responsible for investigations of alleged animal cruelty reported to the Dallas Police Department. The DPD will maintain overall control of the responsibility of reporting Animal Cruelty Offenses to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Uniform Crime Reporting Team, and will include all offenses and investigative findings reported to Dallas Police and investigated by SPCA investigators.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept this MOU. The item will be placed on the November 9, 2016, City Council Addendum.



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