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February 5, 2018

**To: Trey Fletcher, Acting City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members**

From: Jessica Robledo, Chief of Police

Re: Consider for approval a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Body-Worn Camera Grant Program (BC18-PY19) award for \$121,172.00 from the Office of the Governor for the purchase of equipment to support implementation of a body worn camera program within the Department. There is a 20% match (\$30,293.00) for this grant from the City. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents upon final approval of the City Attorney.

I. Background

- A. The Pflugerville Police Department does not currently operate a body worn camera program.
- B. As stated in the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, Trust between law enforcement agencies and the people they protect and serve is essential to democracy. The Department recognizes that as part of our overall community policing strategy, body worn cameras have the potential to significantly improve the trust between our officers and the people we serve, and promote a sense of justice within the community.
- C. This grant will assist with funding the implementation of a body worn camera program that will equip every officer with a body worn camera.

II. Current Situation

- A. The Police Department seeks funding assistance from the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program of \$121,172.00 to assist in the acquisition of the equipment necessary to implement a body worn camera program within the Department.
- B. The equipment requested in the application will ensure that a camera is available to all sworn officers within the Department.
- C. Currently the Department does not have funding identified for the support of this program.
- D. There is a 20% match (\$30,293.00) associated with this grant award.
- E. Deadline for filing the application with the Office of the Governor is February 20, 2018.

- F. In the fourth quarter of 2018 the City will be notified by the Office of the Governor of the award approval decision.
- G. To access the grant funding, City Council must authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept the grant award if received.
- H. A resolution to that effect has been prepared and is included with this Staff Report submission.
- I. Following acceptance of the grant, the Police Department will work with the Purchasing Department to determine the appropriate, grant-compliant purchases to be made.
- J. After bidding, contract award and delivery of the equipment and training, a reimbursement request will be filed quarterly with the Office of the Governor for a total grant amount of \$121,172.00.
- K. The attached resolution is a required attachment to the application to be submitted with the application.

III. Issues

- A. Cost – The Body-Worn Camera Grant Program award would be of \$121,172.00, which funds necessary equipment to implement the Department’s program. There is a 20% cash match (\$30,293.00) obligation in this grant.
- B. Timing – The grant period begins June 1, 2018. The Department has 12 months to secure the equipment and training, however the purchasing process will begin as soon as the award is made to ensure compliance with the grant requirements, as well as timely reimbursement.
- C. Impact or Ramifications – The Police Department does not have sufficient funding to purchase the equipment necessary for the requested equipment without the assistance of the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program funding.

IV. Alternatives in order of priority

- A. Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program award in the amount of \$121,172.00.
- B. Do not approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept the grant, if awarded.

V. Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program award in the amount of \$121,172.00.

VI. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by:	Jessica Robledo, Chief of Police
Funding Source:	Office of the Governor, State of Texas, Body Worn Camera Grant Program, \$121,172.00
Police Department matching funds:	\$ 30,293.00
Costs of implementation:	\$151,465.00
Estimated annual M&O costs:	\$15,000
Estimated cumulative M&O costs:	N/A
Additional Information:	N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Robledo, Chief of Police

Approved,

Trey Fletcher, Acting City Manager