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Date: May 31, 2022

To: Seguin City Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Kathy I. Wood, Grants Administrator

Subject: City Council Approval to Submit Grant Application Over \$50,000

The Police Department is requesting that the City Council approve a grant application in response to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Development Solicitation. The major activity that will be funded by this microgrant is the purchase of 50 hand-held BolaWrap tools, 50 holsters/belt clips, and 150 BolaWrap cassettes. The cost of this equipment is \$63,775 and there is no match.

SPD officers will carry a holstered BolaWrap while on duty. All officers will be trained on how-to use the BolaWrap. Each device allows the officer to launch a Kevlar cord that wraps around a suspect's arms or legs from a distance of 10 to 25'. The device allows officers to quickly and safely restrain a subject and take the individual into custody without the use of force. SPD anticipates having the devices into the hands of our officers within 90-days after funding and officer training.

In addition, SPD will add the BolaWrap to our community-oriented de-escalation program of 6 mini, month-long community listening/education sessions specifically addressing police use of force and the role the entire community plays in force avoidance and de-escalation efforts. SPD will demonstrate the BolaWrap to our community and educate them on our efforts of force avoidance, and de-escalating situations without the use of force.

Staff requests approval of the resolution to submit with the grant application.