

Memorandum

Date: December 15, 2015

To: Seguin City Council
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Twila Wood, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Body-Worn Camera Program Grant

The Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) has announced a new grant program to aid local law enforcement agencies in establishing or enhancing Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Programs. It is anticipated that up to \$10 million may be funded under this one-time grant opportunity. Grantees must provide matching funds equal to 25% of any awarded amount.

The application process for the BWC Grant consists of two (2) phases. A preliminary application was submitted ahead of the December 7th deadline. Following a preliminary funding decision from the CJD in January 2016, a second application will be due by July 2016. This final application will require the establishment of a City policy regarding the use of the body-worn cameras and a cooperative agreement with the District Attorney's office regarding evidence obtained as a result of the camera use. The City will also be required to maintain the equipment obtained with grant funds for a minimum of three (3) years.

The Seguin Police Department has requested funding for fifty-two (52) Wolfcom Vision Body Cameras, Docking Stations, Extended Battery Packs, and Software Licenses which are compatible with their existing in-car video system. The total estimated cost is \$40,000. Grant funds in the amount of \$32,000 have been initially requested, requiring a City-funded match of \$8,000. Cost estimates including the required matching funds are subject to the preliminary funding decision from the CJD.

At this time, Staff requests the ratification of the prior submission of the preliminary application in order to meet the December 7, 2015 deadline. Further Council approval will be requested following the receipt of the preliminary funding decision and prior to the submission of the final application.