


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-231	Meeting:	May 23, 2022
	Agenda Item:	25	Roll Call:	22-0790
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for the 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant through U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

SYNOPSIS:

The application requests funding to support 17 new body-worn cameras to be issued to animal control officers and nine (9) additional officers assigned to provide community-oriented policing to support public safety in the downtown area and entertainment district. The grant will supply funding up to \$2,000 per camera system with a 50% match requirement. The camera system includes docking and data transfer stations as well as magnetic shirt mounting equipment.

The body-worn camera program has proven to be crucial to maintaining public trust and transparency. National studies credit the devices with impartially preserving video evidence, reducing complaints, and improving behavior while offering opportunities for training with real scenarios.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Grant funding \$8,330, and the matching funds is \$8,330.

Funding Source: Grant Funding: Adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30,2023. Police Special Revenues and Other funds Page 200 Match supplied by Automated Traffic Enforcement and/or Local Option Sales Tax Revenues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Police Department began the body-worn camera program in 2016. The program has expanded to allow every officer to be equipped with a camera. The benefits of the captured digital evidence have proven very invaluable in collecting evidence and improving behavior while striving for transparency in interactions with the community.
- This grant will increase the number of cameras to allow animal control officers to wear the cameras and to equip newly hired officers designated to support public safety efforts in the downtown area, the entertainment and marketing districts.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 25, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0691](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of an application for FY 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant. ([Council Communication No. 16-205](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Possible acceptance of the grant award in September 2022.

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