



Roll Call Number,

22-0444

Agenda Item Number

54

Date March 21, 2022

APPROVING THE USE OF AWARDED FUNDING TO PURCHASE
FORTY-NINE NIGHT VISION EYEPIECES WITH HELMET MOUNT AND CARRYING CASE FOR
THE STATEWIDE TACTICAL RESPONSE/WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TEAMS

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has been awarded the 2020 and 2021 Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction Grant from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department in the amounts of \$321,581.00 and \$148,764.61 on behalf of the statewide Tactical Response/Weapons of Mass Destruction Teams; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department requests the Finance Department's Procurement Division to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$470,345.61 to Safeware Inc. utilizing the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the night vision equipment currently used by the statewide Tactical/ WMD teams will soon reach the end of serviceable life; and

WHEREAS, the night vision equipment is attached to the officers' helmets by a Wilson mount which allows the equipment to be drawn down in front of the officers' eyes or lifted out of the way in a quick, efficient manner. The equipment uses infrared lighting to illuminate low light or dark areas so officers can see and identify objects. This allows officers to efficiently maneuver through the area.

WHEREAS, Municipal Code section 2-726 (k) provides for the procurement of goods and/or services from contracts established by the State of Iowa Department of Administrative Services, the Iowa Department of Transportation, or the Iowa Communications Network pursuant to procedures established by Iowa Code Chapter 8A and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, without conforming to the competitive bidding requirements of the Procurement Division; and

WHEREAS, the forty-nine (49) night vision eyepieces with helmet mount and carrying case are being procured from Safeware Inc., 4403 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, Maryland 20706 (Edward A. Simons, President), utilizing the State of Iowa Contract #19211B; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the 2020 and 2021 Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction Grant award from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department is hereby approved to purchase forty-nine (49) night vision eyepieces with helmet mount and carrying case for the statewide Tactical/ WMD teams and to allow the City Manager or his designee to carry out the terms of said purchase in a timely manner.

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(Council Letter Number 22- 108 attached)

Moved by Boesen

Seconded by Gatto to adopt.

Approved as to form:

/s/ Megan Norberg

Megan Norberg

Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
SHEUMAKER		✓		
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	✓			
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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

CERTIFICATE

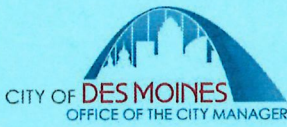
I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

P. Kay Cmelik

City Clerk

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number: 22-108	Meeting: March 21, 2022
	Agenda Item: 54	Roll Call: [22-0444]
	Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase 49 night vision eye pieces with helmet mount and carrying case from Safeware Inc. (4403 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD, 20706, Ed Simons, CEO, President) to be used by the statewide tactical response/weapons of mass destruction teams.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends the purchase of night vision equipment for the statewide tactical response/weapons of mass destruction teams. This equipment attaches to the helmet for efficient operations and can be removed and stored in a hard case. The rugged vision assistance equipment allows for illuminated sight in low light locations.

The City of Des Moines will receive 12 sets of the night vision with helmet mount and case with the remaining 37 being distributed to the statewide teams. This equipment is available per the State of Iowa Contract # 19211B, Master Agreement # 4400008468 Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$470,345.61

Funding Source: The 2020 and 2021 Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction Grant on page 199 of the FY2022 Adopted Operating Budget, Special Revenues and Other Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The night vision equipment has been approved by the Homeland Security Oversight and Steering Committee for purchase using the 2020 and 2021 Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD/SWAT) awarded grant funding. The City of Des Moines serves as the financial manager for the grant funds with the understanding that the funds must support all the certified statewide WMD/tactical teams. The purchase of the night vision equipment will replace aged equipment for the five (5) statewide teams.

- The night vision equipment is attached to the officers' helmet by a "Wilson mount" which allows the equipment to be drawn down in front of the officers' eyes or lifted out of the way in a quick efficient manner. The equipment uses infrared lighting to illuminate low light or dark areas, so officers can see and identify objects. This allows officers to efficiently maneuver through the area.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 18, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1570](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction and Explosive Ordnance Detection 2021 Grant Awards. ([Council Communication No. 21-435](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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