



Lake Wales Police Department

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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
Via: Kenneth Fields, City Manager
From: Christopher Velasquez, Chief of Police
Date: March 12, 2020
Ref: Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant

Synopsis:

Approval of this item will allow the police department to submit for and receive grant funding then purchase a mobile automated license plate reader system (ALPRS) in FY19/20.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Honorable Mayor and the City Commission authorize the Police Department to apply for and accept funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant, then purchase a complete mobile automated license plate reader system from Millenium Products Inc. using GSA contract pricing.

Background:

Since 1999, the Police Department has received funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Program. Since that time, the department has utilized this funding to create numerous community programs as well as purchase needed equipment to enhance public safety. This year the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant award amount is \$14,000.00 and if approved would be included in the 2019/2020 budget through an amendment.

The Lake Wales Police Department proposes to utilize grant funds to purchase one mobile vehicle mounted automated license plate recognition system manufactured by Vigilant. This equipment will enhance our enforcement and investigative capabilities, complement our crime suppression initiatives and expedite the tedious and time consuming process of comparing vehicle license plates with lists of stolen, wanted and other vehicles of interest. The Vigilant Automated License Plate Reader system is utilized throughout Polk County by law enforcement agencies, providing maximum interoperability and information sharing capability.

The proposed budget of the Lake Wales ALPRS Program includes:

\$14,650.00 – One (1) complete mobile vehicle mounted ALPR system. This package includes all cameras, hardware, software, accessories, service/access subscriptions, shipping, installation and training.

Matching funds are not required for this project; however, Police Forfeiture funds will be used to cover the additional \$650.00 not funded through the grant.

Other Options:

The Commission may choose not to authorize application for and accept the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant or purchase this equipment.

Fiscal Impacts:

The Finance Department has reviewed this application. There is an annual reoccurring subscription fee of \$1,050.00 associated with this purchase.

Attachments:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application.
GSA Quote from Millenium Products Inc.
Fiscal Impact Statement