



City Council Agenda Bill

20065

Bill Number

Subject: Consideration of application for Bureau of Justice Grant in the amount of \$22,281

Summary Statement: The police department has applied for a grant from Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$22,281. The application required an opportunity for the departments governing body and citizens to comment on the proposed use of funds. The application states that the funds will be used to purchase IA PRO and Blue Team Software to track Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, Accidents, and Complaints, in the amount of \$10,800. The remaining \$11,481 will be used to purchase two Flir Thermal night vision monoculars.

Previous Council Action: NA

Fiscal Impact: No match required-net neutral transaction

Funding Source: US Department of Justice

Attachments: Program Narrative
Budget Narrative

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Public Hearing Council Vote Requested	05-Aug-2013	Vote to Approve	Flo Simon	5 min

Council Committee:

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7/30/13

Council Action:

Legal
Mayor

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Budget and Budget Narrative

Intended Purchases for the 2013 JAG Grant:	Bellingham's amount intended:	\$22,281
	Whatcom County Sheriffs Office:	<u>\$12,878</u>
	TOTAL GRANT:	\$35,159

IAPRO and Blue Team software	Estimated Cost:	\$10,800
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IAPro is full-featured software that's been designed from the ground-up to meet the needs of internal affairs and professional standards units.

BlueTeam is designed to support patrol, command and supervisory staff on the front-lines, where our customers' integrity is upheld on a day-to-day basis.

A web-enabled application, BlueTeam, enables complaints, uses-of-force, vehicle accidents and pursuits to be entered and managed by field personnel in a straightforward fashion with minimal training.

BlueTeam greatly streamlines intake and assessment of information from the field, while eliminating significant data entry workload within the professional standards or internal affairs unit running IAPro.

FLIR THERMAL IMAGERS	QTY 2(\$5435 ea)Estimated Cost	\$10,860
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Flir thermal night vision monoculars will allow officers to search for suspects in low to no light situations instead of having to rely on their flashlights and compromising officer safety. Since these focus on emitted heat they can also be used to locate injured persons from crashes or other accidents. These monoculars can also be used proactively in areas experiencing a rise in vehicle prowls, commercial burglaries and vehicle thefts. These monoculars will replace outdated and broken sets no longer usable at the department.

Estimated Total	\$21,660
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Joint applicant – City of Bellingham will be the financial agent.

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

Cargo trailer	Estimated Cost:	\$3,338.00
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The intent is to equip a cargo trailer with the training equipment and resources needed to provide regional critical response training at a variety of facilities and/or venues. The mobile training platform will allow us to provide joint training to other agencies in an efficient and effective manner.

SIRT 110 Pro inert training handgun QTY 10(\$343 ea)	Estimated Cost:	\$3,430.00
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The SIRT handgun is an inert training aid that allows students to utilize equipment that simulates the actual equipment they utilize in the field. Because it is an inert training weapon, it does not require costly ammunition or range facilities. As opposed to other training firearms, the SIRT handguns project a

visible laser that can be seen by instructors and gives immediate feedback to the student and instructor on proper target identification and proficiency. There is no additional cost for special training rounds, which makes the program sustainable and cost effective.

SIRT inert AR Laser Bolt R QTY 10(\$111ea) Estimated Cost: \$1,110.00

Similar to the SIRT inert handguns, the laser bolt is installed in issued patrol rifles and converts them to inert training rifles to be used in scenario-based training.

Simunition FX marking rounds Estimated Cost: \$5,000.00

The marking rounds will be utilized with currently owned simunition training weapons to enhanced reality-based training scenarios on active shooter response. Simunition marking rounds are regularly used in force-on-force training scenario to artificially simulate the stress and circumstances encountered by law enforcement during active shooter events. FX marking rounds provide immediate feedback for both instructors and students. In addition, the use of simulated training equipment allows law enforcement to be inoculated to the stressor that they would likely encounter in a real life response.

Estimated Total: \$12,878

Program Narrative
Bellingham Police Department
Funding Amount - \$22,281

Investigating complaints, tracking use of force incidents, vehicle pursuits and accidents are important functions in the Police department. **IAPRO and BlueTeam** software would allow input into one program that is accessible to supervisors and the administration. With a built in early warning system, the software would alert us if a specific officer has numerous entries into the system so that we could investigate and determine whether or not there is an issue. The review and approval process is part of the software that is routed up the chain of command so that complaints and other incidents are completely investigated and closed.

Officers continue to have to chase and find suspects in the darkness. By providing FLIR Thermal Night Vision Monoculars, Officers will be able to see suspects in dark places without compromising officer safety. The monoculars would also help in locating evidence that was discarded by suspects. Officers could use the monoculars for proactive work as well. For example in areas that are experiencing a rash of car prowls, officers could watch in the dark from a distance and apprehend those suspects. Grant funds would allow us to purchase 2 monoculars to be placed in the supervisors vehicles for deployment.

Program Narrative
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
Funding Amount - \$12,878

The recent attack at Sandyhook Elementary, as well as other public venues, has reaffirmed why it is imperative that first responders be trained and prepared to respond to incidents of active violence in an efficient and expeditious manner. The goal of such training and response is protecting potential victims and limiting loss of life. While the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office trains and equips department personnel to respond to active shooter scenarios, enhanced training and interagency coordination is necessary for efficient actions and life saving measures. These grant funds are needed to help facilitate joint critical incident training with area law enforcement and fire agencies.

In order to improve the coordinated response of emergency resources, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office has taken a lead role in providing regionalized active shooter response training to area law enforcement agencies. Due limited training budgets, the Sheriff's Office recognized that it was imperative that we provide smaller agencies with the knowledge and tactics

required to effectively operate during a multi-jurisdictional response. In addition, prior critical incidents have demonstrated the need to provide medical aid to victims as soon as possible. The Sheriff's Office has conducted several training exercises that highlight the establishment of Casualty Collection Points (CCP) and prompt medical response to the crisis location. We have met with area fire agencies and expressed the desire to conduct more joint training, to include the concept of rapid medical intervention to a CCP.

The Sheriff's Office intends to utilize JAG funding to purchase and outfit a mobile training unit to provide regional training to area law enforcement and fire personnel. The necessary training equipment will be stored in a cargo trailer, which can be transported to different training locations. In addition to the inert training weapons, the funds will be used to install storage for equipment.