



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 25th, 2025

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2025-44 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, that approves the city of Bastrop to apply for a grant from the Department of Justice (JAG) for ten thousand, three hundred, sixty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$10,361.88) for an aerial drone, with no matching funds from the City of Bastrop; authorizing the Chief of Police as the grantee's authorized official; providing for a severability clause and establishing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Bastrop Police Department is seeking funding to continue our drone program and update our outdated equipment. The police department has one licensed drone pilot, one pending drone pilot and a private pilot; we are looking to add an updated aerial drone to our inventory that includes equipment with hybrid zoom camera, radiometric thermal sensor, and the ability for wide camera views. The drone package will come with a 3-foot portable landing pad, a remote controller, 4 four cell batteries, a Class 1 UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) license for one year, video sharing capabilities, a protective case, and customer service options. In addition, we are looking to purchase four extra batteries with a recharging bank and an RTK module which is used to provide high-accuracy mapping and surveying capabilities for the drone.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No matching Funds from the City of Bastrop

RECOMMENDATION:

Chief Vicky Steffanic recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2025-44 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving the submittal of grant funds to the Department of Justice in the amount of ten-thousand, three-hundred, sixty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$10,361.88) for an aerial drone.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution number: 2025-44