



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 25th, 2025

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2025-42 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, that approves the City of Bastrop Police Department to apply for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for thirty thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$30,700.00) for a Law Enforcement, moveable, camera trailer, 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 requesting \$30,700.00 to purchase a Law Enforcement Surveillance Trailer (LEST) which is essential for protecting, deterring, and identifying potential threats. This project aims to enhance operational coordination in the City of Bastrop and throughout Bastrop County to prevent and respond to criminal activity, including acts of terrorism. We are requesting funds to buy a battery/solar powered trailer that will give us the ability to mount cameras that we have already invested in, to finish the outfitting of the trailer system. The LEST is ideally suited for deployment at special events, fairs, sporting events, concerts, and any location where criminal activity or attacks can occur. The City of Bastrop hosts more than fifteen (15) special events each year, attracting thousands of attendees. Additionally, the city has numerous potential targets, including critical infrastructure such as electric, water, and wastewater systems, as well as a vibrant historic downtown area, special event venues, fairgrounds, and a convention center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No matching funds from the City of Bastrop

RECOMMENDATION:

Chief Vicky Steffanic recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2025-42 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving the submittal of grant funds to the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of thirty thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$30,700.00) for a Law Enforcement, moveable, camera trailer.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution number: 2025-42