

February 18, 2025

Congressman Mike Ezell U.S. House of Representatives 443 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-2404

Re: Congressional Directed Spending Projects for the Bay St. Louis Police Department

Dear Congressman Ezell:

I am writing to submit a request for the FY2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Funds for the Bay St. Louis Police Department. The project is for Public Safety Equipment and Technology Project totaling \$1,420,000.

This request will enhance coordination and communication between the City's Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the area. The project will improve the safety of our law enforcement officers and public officials, and it will increase the safety and security for the Bay St. Louis citizens and thousands of visitors who travel through Bay St. Louis every year.

Thank You for your consideration and review of this important requests.

Sincerely,

Mike Favre, Mayor City of Bay St. Louis

# City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi Police Department Public Safety Equipment & Technologies Project FY2025 Congressional Directed Spending Community Project Grant Application

Motorola Body Cam/Car in-dash cameras	\$525,000
Panasonic Toughbook Model 33	\$225,000
Mobile Modular Vehicle Barriers	\$200,000
Taser 7	\$175,000
Public Safety Garage	\$60,000
Polaris side by side Rescue Vehicle	\$55,000
Traffic Message Safety Trailers	\$50,000
Aimpoint ACRO Red Dot Sights and holsters	\$35,000
Patrol Rifle Vehicle Lock/Storage	\$25,000
Interview Room	\$20,000
Honda Rancher ATV	\$20,000
Patrol Rifles	\$15,000
Motorola Video/Audio Redaction Software	\$10,000
Digital Cameras and Accessories	\$5,000

\$1,420,000

TOTAL ESTIMATE

# City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi Police Department Public Safety Equipment & Technologies Project FY2025 Congressional Directed Spending Community Project Grant Application \$1,420,000

# Motorola Body Cam/Car in-dash cameras (\$525,000)

35 Body Camera Motorola V700 & 25 M500 Car In-Dash Camera, 5-year subscription

Body Camera & In car police technology that increases police accountability by allowing in-field reporting, in-dash recording of all emergency light activated traffic stops, and tracking of police vehicles.

# Panasonic Toughbook Model 33 (\$225,000)

Howard Technology Solutions, 25 Panasonic Toughbook Model 33 & Vehicle Installation

Used to access information such as driver and vehicle information, criminal histories, wanted persons, maps, and crime mapping. Can also be used for report writing and on scene investigations. Caliber RMS online database accessible in car better time management.

# Advanced Security Technologies Modular Vehicle Barrier trailer package (\$200,000)

Advanced Security Technologies 72-unit trailer package to cover 10 lanes of traffic. Modular vehicle barriers are necessary because they provide a flexible and adaptable security solution that can be quickly deployed and moved to different locations as needed, making them ideal for temporary events or situations where a rapidly changing security perimeter is required, all while withstanding high-impact collisions and offering customizable protection levels depending on the specific threat scenario.

### <u>Taser 7</u> (\$175,000)

35 Tasers with accessories and software, 5-year subscription.

Police use tasers to subdue violent or aggressive people while minimizing the risk of injury to both the officers and the suspects.

#### Public Safety Garage (\$60,000)

Number 1 Buildings manufacturer/dealer of metal buildings.  $30'W \times 50'L$  12 Guage framing 4' centers 170 mph winds. (3)  $10' \times 10'$  certified roll up doors & (1)  $36'' \times 80'$  walk through door.

Key benefits to a police department garage include: safely store and maintain police vehicles and equipment, ensuring they are readily available for patrol duties and can be properly

serviced when needed; dedicated space allows the install, maintenance, and repair of specialized police equipment like sirens, radios, dashcams, ATVs, side by side utility vehicle and other vehicle-mounted technology; a secure location to temporarily store evidence collected from crime scenes, especially large items, help investigate dangerous crimes providing a secure location to conduct search warrants and minimalize outlying contaminants like weather and unauthorized access; can also be used for training exercises that require an open area.

# 4 Post Drive on Vehicle Lift, Tools & Storage

Significant for increased efficiency for general maintenance and inspections allowing easy access to vehicles saving time and money maintaining emergency assets. A vehicle lift can be used in a criminal investigation, particularly when investigators need to thoroughly examine the undercarriage of a vehicle for potential evidence such as blood, fibers, soil samples, or damage that might be related to a crime, especially in cases like hit-and-runs or when investigating the transportation of contraband; allowing for a detailed inspection that wouldn't be possible without lifting the vehicle.

# Polaris side by side Rescue Vehicle (\$55,000)

Ranger Crew XP Rescue comes standard with full cab, emergency lights, storage racks, and rescue skid. ATVs and UTVs provide law enforcement officers with enhanced mobility and agility in areas where traditional patrol vehicles cannot reach. They can navigate through rough terrains, crowds and tight spaces to provide quick response times, and access hard-to-reach locations.

#### **Traffic Message Safety Trailers (\$50,000)**

All Traffic Solutions Speed Alert 24 Message Sign with solar power and trailer. \$20,563.32 each.

Enhances vehicle safety on roadways and directs routes of travel during road repair, events and hurricane evacuations. Gives drivers immediate feedback by displaying custom messages specific to their speed or custom messages for important information related to special events happening in the city. Portable sign that can be deployed wherever is necessary. Web-based reporting and accessibility to real-time data.

# Aimpoint ACRO Red Dot Sight and holster (\$35,000)

Aimpoint ACRO red dot sight and holster x 35 each. Red dot sights are useful because they allow for significantly faster target acquisition compared to traditional iron sights by presenting a single point of focus, enabling shooters to maintain focus on the target while quickly aligning the red dot with their desired aim point, making them ideal for close-quarters shooting and situations requiring rapid response times. By keeping the focus on the target, red dots can help shooters make more precise shots, especially in fast-paced scenarios.

# Patrol Rifle Vehicle Lock/Storage (\$25,000)

Lund Industries weapon storage for Dodge Durango Police Patrol Vehicles. **THE LOFT** fits in the unused space above the window line and up to the headliner in the rear quarter of the vehicle. **THE LOFT** provides secured gun storage.

Lund Industries weapon storage for Dodge Charger Police Patrol Vehicles trunk mount TGM-M4-CGR20 fits snug under the packing shelf and is out of sight and out of way of weather.

Secured gun storage in patrol vehicles is crucial because it prevents the theft of police firearms, which could then be used in criminal activity, and also safeguards against accidental discharge or misuse of the weapon by unauthorized individuals, upholding public safety and maintaining officer accountability.

# Interview Room (\$20,000)

Applied Digital Solutions VALT Interview Room package will cover two interview rooms. Police investigators use interview rooms to conduct interviews with potential suspects, witnesses, or victims in a controlled, private setting, allowing them to gather information effectively by facilitating open communication without distractions, while also ensuring proper documentation through recording capabilities and maintaining a neutral environment.

# Honda Rancher ATV (\$20,000)

Two Honda ATV with emergency lights and graphics.

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### Patrol Rifles (\$15,000)

Loyal 9 Manufacturing Patrol Rifles and Accessories x12 \$1,083.33 each.

Patrol rifles are used by law enforcement officers to provide accuracy at longer ranges compared to a standard handgun, particularly in situations where a suspect is heavily armed, fortified, or located at a distance where a handgun would be ineffective, allowing officers to engage threats with greater stopping power and maintain a safer standoff distance. Patrol rifles are often deployed in active shooter situations where multiple rounds need to be fired quickly and accurately to neutralize a threat.

# Motorola Video/Audio Redaction Software (\$10,000)

5-year subscription to support in car and body camera recordings.

Redaction software is important because it allows users to selectively remove sensitive information from documents/recordings, protecting individuals' privacy, ensuring compliance

with data protection regulations, and preventing the unauthorized disclosure of confidential data, by effectively & efficiently "blacking out" or obscuring such details before sharing a document publicly.

# Digital Cameras and accessories (\$5,000)

Best Buy Minolta MN40WP 48.0 Megapixel Waterproof Digital Camera \$100.00 ea., Pelican M50 Micro Case \$40.00 ea. X25

Crime scene photos are important because they provide a permanent visual record of the crime scene and evidence (from burglaries to assaults with injuries and deaths), allowing investigators to accurately document the location and condition of all relevant items, which is crucial for reconstructing events, identifying potential suspects, and presenting a compelling case in court, especially since evidence can be easily altered or removed over time.