

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 23, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Travis Grimm - Chief of Police

Subject: Acceptance of FDLE Drone Replacement Grant and Approval of Drone Purchase

Background:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has awarded the Belle Isle Police Department up to \$25,000 in reimbursement funding through the FDLE Drone Replacement Program. This statewide initiative supports selected agencies in replacing non-compliant drone systems with state-approved technology that meets current data security and operational standards. Belle Isle PD was selected for this award based on program eligibility, demonstrated need, and successful compliance with state requirements.

Staff Recommendation and Council Discussion Points:

Staff recommends approval of the grant acceptance and purchase to support continued compliance, enhance aerial response capabilities, and modernize public safety technology at no cost to the City.

Suggested Motion:

"I move that the City Council approve acceptance of the FDLE Drone Replacement Grant award and authorize the purchase of the Skydio X10 Drone System from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000, to be reimbursed in full through the FDLE Drone Replacement Program."

Alternatives:

Do not accept the grant.

Fiscal Impact:

Grant Amount: \$25,000

City Cost: \$25,000 (reimbursement program). The police department will use the grant funding to purchase the drone.

Attachments:

- FDLE Award/Approval Documentation
- Skydio/Axon Quote – \$25,000
- Supporting Memo from Chief Grimm