CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 26,2025

AGENDA OF: **March 11, 2025**

DEPARTMENT: Police

SUBJECT: Justice Assistance Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept and approve the resolution for the acquisition of TruNarc drug testing via grant funding in the amount of $31,092.70.

BACKGROUND:

The police department is requesting approval from city council to acquire TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzers through grant funding. TruNarc is an advanced drug testing technology that enhances officer safety by allowing law enforcement personnel to identify narcotics without physically handling them. With the increasing presence of dangerous substances such as fentanyl and synthetic opioids, the risk of accidental exposure has become a significant concern for officers conducting field drug tests. Traditional methods require direct handling and chemical manipulation, increasing the potential for contact with harmful substances.

TruNarc utilizes Raman spectroscopy to identify controlled substances through sealed packaging, minimizing officer exposure while providing real-time, presumptive drug identification. This technology improves efficiency by streamlining the evidence collection process, enhances accuracy by reducing false positives, and decreases reliance on costly laboratory testing. Additionally, it allows for more effective case processing and enforcement efforts against illicit drug distribution.

The acquisition of this equipment will be fully funded through the Federal Justice Assistance Grant, ensuring that no city funds are required, other than for initial purchase. This initiative aligns with the city's ongoing commitment to officer safety and the adoption of innovative law enforcement technology.

FISCAL IMPACT: The grant allocates up to $31,092.70 in funding for reimbursement.

☐ Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Grant Funded

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 1
Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 1

Submitted by: **Chief James Kohler**