



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Discussion and Approval for the Police Department to apply for and accept EOD Canine Grant

Submitted By: Brandon Criss (Police Chief)

Date Submitted: April 8, 2024

Work Session Date: April 15, 2024

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Background/History:

The city of Forest Park has a population exceeding 20,000 residents, is a vibrant city hosting a mix of elements including a military base, diverse businesses such as industrial complexes, and its proximity to the world's busiest airport. The Forest Park Police Department has identified specific sensitive areas within the city, responding to an increased volume of service calls related to security threats. In response, the department is seeking authorization to pursue an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) grant offered by Homeland Security. If successful in securing the grant, it will enable the acquisition of essential equipment, including a trained canine, specialized vehicle, and requisite training. These resources are essential for enhancing the department's capabilities in addressing threats posed by explosives, thereby ensuring the safety and security of Forest Park and its residents. Acceptance of the grant would signify a crucial step towards fortifying the city's preparedness and response to potential security risks.

Cost: \$	Budgeted for:	X	Yes	No
\$0		_____	_____	

Financial Impact: \$0

Action Requested from Council: Vote for Approval