

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT  
THE 2021 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM OFFER OF  
\$24,500.00 AND TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF VIRTRA TRAINING  
DE-ESCALATING SIMULATOR SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers using force incidents and relations have come under intense public scrutiny demonstrating the need for de-escalation initiatives to change the climate; and

**WHEREAS**, having the most technical and evidentiary equipment readily available will bring transparency in use of force incidents to the forefront for transparency, accountability, and citizen review; and

**WHEREAS**, having a use of force/de-escalation training simulator available to Hendersonville PD Officers would enhance decision making in use of force incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, NCGS 143-129(e) lists the authorized exceptions to the formal bid procedures. NCGS 143-129(e)(6) allows for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment to be purchasing using sole-source exception when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. The governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, VirTra is the only responsive and responsible source for the above-mentioned de-escalation equipment and capabilities as they relate to incorporation with the VirTra V-300-LE equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City accepts the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program award offer from the Governor's Crime Commission in the amount of \$24,500.00 for the purchase of VirTra De-escalation training software and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, John Connet is the authorizing official for this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hendersonville intends to act and perform duties in accordance with the award grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL:**

1. That the City of Hendersonville does hereby accept the 2021 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant
2. That the City finds a sole-source purchase of VirTra De-escalation training software and equipment is authorized for the City of Hendersonville Police Department.
3. Such tentative sole-source purchase is contingent upon the approval of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety/ Criminal Justice Systems Improvement Committee and the approval of additional funding request by the North Carolina Governors Crime Commission for the project (Project No. PROJ015117).

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April  
2022.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor

Attest:

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Angela Reece, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney