



City Council Agenda 01/15/2025

Action Item

Agenda Description:

Discuss, consider, and possible action on approving adding \$17,669.72 to currently approved grant funding to purchase twelve (12) Motorola APX N70 portable radios.

Background Information:

The Joshua Police Department is seeking additional funding to obtain 12 Motorola APX N70 portable radios for use by officers of the Joshua Police Department.

These radios are currently in use by the Johnson County ESD and The Johnson County STOP Special Investigative Unit. We would like to utilize these radios for several reasons. Two of the outstanding features they possess are a Smartmapping feature and the ability to switch to cellular when radio communication is interrupted. The Smartmapping feature shows where every portable radio is on a view screen on the radio. The cellular ability removes the radio limitations that prevent communication such as distance from the tower or being inside buildings like those of Joshua ISD. In addition, these specific radios function as an integral part of a video camera we are looking at being a part of in the future.

Currently, we utilize Motorola APX 4000s which have reached their end of life and are breaking down. Motorola support for the model has ended long ago and repairs are no longer possible. We are one more broken radio away from not having enough radios.

We have obtained a grant through the Governor's office to purchase new portable radios. The grant we were awarded is \$66,559.00. The amount needed to purchase 12 Motorola APX N70 portable radios is \$84,228.72. We are requesting additional funding of \$17,669.72 in order to purchase enough radios to properly equip all uniformed patrol officers working on the street. The features, functionality, and interoperability of these radios are well worth the additional funds.

Financial Information:

- 12 radios cost \$84,228.72
- Grant funds = \$66,559.00

- Amount requested \$17,669.72

City Contact and Recommendations:

Shawn Fullagar, Chief of Police

Attachments: None