



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	February 22, 2024
Originating Department	Police Department
Contact Person	Mike Harden, Police Chief
Title	Resolution 24-1944/Authorizing the acceptance of an Interagency Agreement with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for body-worn cameras

Legislative History

- First Presentation February 22, 2024 Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-1944
 2. Interagency Agreement with WASPC for body-worn cameras
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Executive Summary

The Washington State Legislature has allocated \$1.6 million to be distributed to local law enforcement agencies to establish and expand body-worn camera programs. The grant program is being administered by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), which has awarded the Lake Forest Park Police Department \$8,850.18 for the purchase of 11 body-worn cameras.

Background

During the 2023 regular session, the Washington State Legislature allocated \$1,600,000 to support body-worn camera grant funds for the 2023-2025 biennium. \$1,200,000 was available for the period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, and \$400,000 is available for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The purpose of this grant program is to assist local law enforcement agencies to establish and expand body-worn camera programs. Law enforcement agencies may use the grants for the initial purchase, maintenance, and replacement of body-worn cameras; ongoing costs related to the maintenance and storage of data recorded by body-worn cameras; costs associated with public records requests for body-worn camera footage; and hiring of personnel necessary to operate a body-worn camera program.

Lake Forest Park Police applied for \$21,600, which included OT salary for PDR/redactions and equipment. In the grant process, WASPC denied the OT salary for PDR/redactions, and only funded the equipment request. We are intending to try again for the next grant for the redaction funds.

The Police Department has been awarded \$8,850.18 for the purchase of 11 body-worn cameras from WASPC. This will help the Department replace some of the aging body-worn cameras and purchase additional body-worn cameras.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

This is a reimbursement grant, meaning the Department will be purchasing the equipment and then requesting a reimbursement from WASPC. If the Department doesn't purchase the cameras, WASPC will reallocate the funds. Since this is an interagency agreement and grant funds, it must be approved and accepted by the City Council.

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution 24-1944 authorizing the acceptance and approval of the Interagency Agreement with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs grant for the purchase of body-worn cameras.