



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	March 7, 2024
Originating Department	Police
Contact Person	Mike Harden, Chief
Title	Resolution 24-1945/Authorizing the Mayor to accept the Department of Commerce Pursuit Technology Grant

Legislative History

- First Presentation January 25, 2024 - Regular Meeting
 - Second Presentation March 7, 2024 – Special Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-1945
 2. Department of Commerce Pursuit Technology Grant RFP S24-34444-001
 3. Department of Commerce Notification to Apparent Successful Contractors
 4. Interagency Agreement with Commerce through Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuit Technology Grant Program
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Executive Summary

The city has been awarded a grant by the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$49,641.95 to equip five Police Department patrol vehicles with StarChase® brand GPS tracking hardware.

The funds provided by this grant will allow the Police Department to equip its vehicles and officers with new pursuit de-escalation technologies capable of tracking fleeing vehicles using GPS technology.

This grant is effective from the date of execution through June 30, 2024 and is on a reimbursement basis.

Background

RCW 10.116.060, enacted in 2021 and amended in 2023, greatly regulates when vehicle pursuits are allowed by law enforcement. The intention behind this legislation was to increase safety for the public, involved officers, and involved subject drivers.

However, an unfortunate and unintended outcome of this legislation developed, resulting in countless law-defiant individuals fleeing from officers in situations where officers were either unable to pursue or exercised discretion and opted not to pursue. This outcome leaves victims with no one to answer for their victimization and criminals emboldened to continue their lawless lifestyle.

This technology will assist in mitigating the dangers involved with vehicle pursuits while increasing the success rates of recovering stolen property and holding accountable those who commit these crimes.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

Acceptance of this grant would support the Police Department's Mission and Operations Plan by seeking innovative policing methods to make Lake Forest Park one of the safest cities in the region.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorize the mayor to accept the grant on behalf of the City/Police Department.	The Police Department receives this innovative tool to support its mission and comply with state law.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not accept the grant.	The Police Department is unable to procure this equipment.

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution 24-1945 accepting the Department of Commerce Pursuit Technology Grant for \$49,641.95 and authorizing execution of the Interagency agreement.