

Montgomery City Council
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Police Department	Prepared By: Anthony Solomon

Subject

Consideration and possible action on **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR UPDATED IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEM, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, AND DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CITY OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE SUCH GRANT FUNDING.**

Recommendation

Approve the resolution as presented.

Discussion

Our agency currently uses Watchguard 4RE cameras, which are now obsolete and cause several issues within the department. These issues include:

- Missing or partial videos because of problems with the upload to the server,
- The server going down randomly and taking hours to fix, and
- Blurry/obscure videos.

After doing research into both Watchguard and Axon, obtaining quotes from each, and reviewing the specifications of the cameras and systems, our department is confident that switching to Axon will alleviate the issues that we encounter with our current system. The Axon In-Car Camera system integrates with our current Flock License Plate Reader system as well as the District Attorney Office's Evidence Share software. With the Axon system, we have unlimited cloud storage and will no longer need to deal with server issues.

Our department has worked diligently to apply for the Criminal Justice Grant through the Governor's Office. The maximum we can request from the grant is \$150,000.00. The total cost of the new in-car camera system is \$220,507.20, which means we will be responsible for \$70,507.20 out of pocket.

This resolution is only to allow our department to apply for the Grant and does not mean that Council approves of the out-of-pocket costs at this time. Those costs will be discussed come budget time.

Approved By

Police Chief	Anthony Solomon	Date: February 7, 2024
City Administrator	Gary Palmer	Date: