

Montgomery City Council  
**AGENDA REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 13, 2024	<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> N/A
<b>Department:</b> Police Department	<b>Prepared By:</b> 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, BC-BODY-WORN CAMERA (BWC) PROGRAM FOR BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) UPDATE, 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 Vista Body 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 Body Worn Camera cloud storage integrates with the District Attorney Office’s Evidence Share software. With the Axon system, we will have 6TB of cloud storage and officers 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. We’re requesting \$85,076.06 toward replacing our current body worn cameras. This grant has a 25% cash match requirement. The total for the entire Body Worn Camera system is \$113,434.74. This means we will have to cover a total of \$28,358.69.

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**

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