



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

REQUESTER: John Stege, Police Standards Administrator

PRESENTER: Kevin Foster, Chief of Police

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A 2025 SAFE OKLAHOMA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,612 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BE USED BY THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASING A FORENSIC EVIDENCE IMAGING SYSTEM FROM FOSTER + FREEMAN USA, CONTRACT K-2425-68, AND A BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

The state of Oklahoma, through the Attorney General's Office, has created a grant program known as the "Safe Oklahoma Grant Program" with the purpose of awarding competitive grants to eligible police and sheriff's departments. Specifically, moneys must be used to supplement (and not replace) other federal, state, and local funds appropriated to carry out activities relating to daily law enforcement duties directed at reducing and preventing violent crime.

To be eligible for the Safe Oklahoma Grant, the Norman Police Department submitted a grant proposal to the Office of the Attorney General with a focus on decreasing violent crime through the purchase of upgraded forensic technology.

The Norman Police Department received notice of an award for the 2025 Safe Oklahoma Grant Program on October 4, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Norman Police Department intends to use grant funding to improve forensic capability in an effort to have a positive impact on reducing violent crime. Analysis indicates a limited ability to directly affect the incidents of violent crime (murder, sexual assault, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault); however, improving the capability to identify suspects, build cases for prosecution, and succeeding in trial will have a positive impact reducing these crimes.

The "Crime-lite Auto" digital camera is a compact handheld device that can reveal evidence including body fluids (e.g., blood, semen, saliva, urine, etc.) on various substrates, fingerprints

and injuries on a variety of surfaces (including dark skin), gunshot residues, and traces of physical evidence (e.g., glass, fibers, hairs, etc.). The camera incorporates the ultraviolet, visual and infrared light spectrums through up to 55 waveband combinations with auto focus and wide angle capabilities. Searches can be performed in real-time with live video capturing of examinations as well as still images. It is optimized for field and laboratory use, and it advanced analytical settings but can also be setup for multiple users.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Acceptance of the grant by Council and authorizing the Mayor to execute the grant contract by:

Signing and ***Dating*** the attached 2025 Safe Oklahoma Grant Program Contract

RECOMMENDATION 2: Upon acceptance and approval, City staff will:

Create an invoice, on Norman Police Department letterhead, directed to the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General for \$47,612 to be deposited into the Special Grants Fund, Other Revenue-State Grant Reimbursements (account 226-331380).

RECOMMENDATION 3: Upon receipt of funds, appropriate \$47,612 from Other Revenue-State Grant Reimbursements (account 226-331380), and allocate the funds to Miscellaneous Police Department Grants: Plant & Operating Equipment – Lab Equipment (account 22660211-45122).