



## Council Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: LEA Grant Purchase Request – Flock Safety LPR Camera System

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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

All law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin have been awarded grant funding through the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Grant. The mechanism for receiving funds is through reimbursement. Only specific purchases are permitted for reimbursement (see attachment #1). In order to be eligible, all expenditures must be incurred between March 15, 2022 and December 31, 2023. WPD's allocation is \$44,056.04, and we have \$18,399.00 still available.

Currently, I'm requesting approval for the following purchase:

- 1) **Flock Safety License Plate Reader (LPR) Camera System Service Contract.** Request purchasing a two-year service contract that includes installation and maintenance of three (3) LPR Cameras, as well as all applicable software and data storage. The Flock LPR system will be a major improvement in our investigative capabilities and will provide the following capabilities:
  - Access to license plates captured by our three cameras as well as cameras from any law enforcement agency nationwide that opts into the network
  - Ability to search for full, partial, and temporary plates at specific camera locations, as well as license plate location history
  - Ability to search for vehicles by make, model, color, license plate state, missing/covered plates, and unique features like bumper stickers, decals, and roof racks.
  - Stolen vehicles entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) passing a Flock camera will alert PD staff.
  - Ability to add a suspect's license plate to a custom list so that PD staff are alerted when the plate passes a Flock camera.

It should be noted that Flock retains ownership of the hardware involved. Flock will assist PD staff in determining the most advantageous locations to position the three cameras. Intersections that will be highly considered for installation of a Flock camera include:

- W. Main St./N. Tratt St.
- W. Walworth Ave./S. Janesville. St. (5-points)
- W. Main St./Whitewater St.
- E. Milwaukee St./Newcomb St.



#### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Council previously approved utilization of the LEA Grant funds for the purchase of three (3) ballistic shields (\$2,820), replacement badges for patrol officers (\$6,536), a Fentanyl hood and associated accessories (\$2,929.45), Guardian Angel lights (\$1,792.49), squad running board lights (\$1,846.10) and MDCs (\$9,793.00).

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The recommended purchase of the Flock Safety License Plate Reader (LPR) Camera System service contract will cost a total of \$19,950.00 for the entirety of the two-year contract. The request is to utilize the balance of our allotted LEA Grant funding (\$18,339.00) as well as \$1,611.00 from the WPD Crime Prevention fund to fund the purchase.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Request Council approval to submit for LEA Grant reimbursement for the purchase of Flock Safety License Plate Reader (LPR) System service contract.

#### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. WI Department of Administration LEA Grant Permitted use of Funds
2. Flock Safety quote
3. Baycom quote
4. Vigilant quote