



Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2017-142R, ratifying the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a Justice Assistance Grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,763.00 to fund hardware and software upgrades to the Police Department's Cyber Forensics Investigative program, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any and all documents as necessary to accept and implement the Grant, if awarded; and declaring an effective date.

Meeting date: September 19, 2017

Department: Police

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

CITY COUNCIL GOAL:

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

Provide for the Efficient and Effective Delivery of Services

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENT(s):

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance solicits grant applications from state, local, and county law enforcement agencies across the country to help fund projects related to law enforcement, substance abuse programs, technology improvements, training, and other related projects. This year, the San Marcos Police Department is eligible to apply for funds in an amount not exceeding \$15,763.00.

More than 10 years ago, the police department began a Cyber Forensics investigative program. This capability allows the department to conduct forensic examination of computers and peripheral devices seized as evidence of criminal offenses. The computer the department currently uses for the bulk of this work was purchased with a grant from the San Marcos Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association approximately 5 years ago and is in need of replacement. Additionally, newly developed software is available which is more capable and state of the art than what is currently in use by the department.

This grant would allow the department to purchase a new forensics analysis computer, software, and certain peripheral devices which aide in this investigative process.

This is a no-matching-funds grant application.