

STAFF REPORT

Date: December 4, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: **B.5. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to purchase two mobile and six fixed License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and associated software from Lehr Auto Electric as a component of the FY 18 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) project in an amount not exceed \$117,000. (SPI Grant Funds)**

From: Jason Soto, Police Chief

Summary: Staff recommends authorization to purchase two mobile and six fixed License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and associated software from Lehr Auto Electric as a component of the FY 18 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) project in an amount not exceed \$117,000 (SPI Grant Funds).

Previous Council Action: Council accepted the Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) grant award 2018-WY-BX-0005 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$668,968 on November 14, 2018, item I.4. The grant period for this funding is October 1, 2018 –September 30, 2022.

Background: SPI Grant Award 2018-WY-BX-0005 was awarded on October 1, 2018, in the amount of \$668,968. This award will be used to support focused efforts to apprise problematic gang members of the legal consequences of gun violence and a wider educational campaign that treats gun violence as risk to public health.

Discussion: SPI will use a problem-oriented approach to engage stakeholders, including community members and business owners, and gather information in neighborhoods most likely to be victimized by firearm related crimes. One component of the SPI grant project is to use LPR technology to aid in the investigation and reduction of gun-related crimes.

This contract is not adapted to award through competitive bidding, pursuant to NRS 332.115 (1)(d), as RPD staff are trained in and familiar with the use of this type of camera and software which is compatible with existing equipment used by Reno Police Department and our regional partners.

These grant funds will be used to purchase additional cameras, as well as upgrade the outdated software used currently with existing cameras. The result will be new and existing cameras operating on the same platform.

Financial Implications: The total cost the City shall pay Lehr Auto Electric shall not exceed a total of \$117,000, which will be reimbursed by the FY 18 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Grant Program.

Legal Implications: This contract is not adapted to award through complete bidding, as defined by NRS 332.115. Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law.

Recommendation: Authorization to purchase two mobile and six fixed License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and associated software from Lehr Auto Electric as a component of the FY 18 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) project in an amount not exceed \$117,000 (SPI Grant Funds).

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the necessary purchase orders.

Attachments:

- Lehr_Quote_SPI (PDF)