

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 2/20/2024	SUBJECT: Resolution #2024-R-078 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$77,935.00 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE FUNDING OF FY 2025 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO AID MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN ESTABLISHING OR ENHANCING BODY-WORN CAMERA (BWC) PROGRAMS. THE 25% REQUIRED MATCH IS APPROXIMATELY \$19,500.00. THE GRANT WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE SPECIAL POLICE FUND.	
INITIATED BY: Rosario C. Cabello Deputy City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr. Chief of Police
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None.		
BACKGROUND: The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division released the funding announcement for Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, FY 2025. The purpose of this grant is to equip peace officers with body-worn cameras and help further the department's mission by promoting safety of law enforcement officers and citizens. This grant will provide the funding to augment the Laredo Police Department highly successful Body-Worn Camera Program (BWC). The BWC Program has remained a top priority and key component of the department's commitment towards maintaining public trust and transparency. State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 35 for TruSTeed Programs within the Office of the Governor. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that maybe imposed by law.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

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Whereas, the City of Laredo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Laredo, that the Body-Worn Camera Project be operated for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo designated the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant on behalf of the City of Laredo; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division grant application; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$77,935.00 to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the funding of FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the period of September 01, 2024 through August 31, 2025. The purpose of this program is to aid municipal police departments in establishing or enhancing body-worn camera (BWC) programs. The 25% required match is approximately \$19,500.00. The grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY