



Legislation Text

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CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,880.23 TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-1920-35, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND BALANCE.

BACKGROUND: The City of Norman has been selected to receive \$15,880.23 from the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OKOHS) fiscal year 2016-2017 (FY2017) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) program. These funds are designated to purchase large venue monitoring equipment. The equipment is critical for providing appropriate safety and preparedness at sporting events, concerts, festivals, and other large gatherings of people. This grant is fully funded with no matching required. Agencies receiving items purchased with this grant may be responsible for general maintenance of the purchased equipment if Federal funds are not available. Grant funds are paid on a reimbursement basis.

DESCRIPTION: This grant allows the City of Norman to purchase range-finding binoculars, spotting scopes (with protective housings), and night vision binoculars to determine accurate distances, under a wide variety of environmental conditions, for a quick emergency response over large and crowded areas. Additionally, the equipment will allow for unobtrusive crowd monitoring, situational awareness, and field intelligence collection.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Council accept the grant in the amount of \$15,880.23 and appropriate \$15,880.23 from the Special Grant Fund Balance (022-0000-253.20-00) to Miscellaneous Equipment/Miscellaneous (022-6045-421.59-99, Project # GP0042) and, upon reimbursement, funds be receipted into Other Revenue/Homeland Security (022-0000-331.13-52)