



Issue: 2022 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM- COUNTER TERRORISM EQUIPMENT GRANT

Date: June 6, 2022

Submitted By: Joe Campbell, Chief of Police

Background

In late May 2022, we were informed of an equipment grant issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This grant assists state and local entities in their efforts to prepare, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism.

Because we have an officer who is a member of the Homeland Security Counter Terrorism Officer Program, we are eligible for this equipment grant which has a maximum award amount of \$5,000.00.

The goal of this grant is to increase local agencies capabilities to identify and plan for terrorist threats and vulnerabilities in our local communities. By combining our trained officer with mission specific equipment, the Nixa Police department hopes to increase our ability to delay, halt, intercept, apprehend or secure threats and/or hazards.

One of the approved and recommended pieces of equipment this grant will pay for is an unmanned aircraft system (UAV or drone). The Nixa police department currently has a drone program with a licensed pilot. However, our current UAV does not have many of the capabilities useful to law enforcement.

If approved, we will use this grant to purchase an improved UAV with a thermal camera, loudspeaker, spotlight, and other upgrades. This upgraded UAV has an estimated cost of \$9,100.00. This grant could cover up to \$5,000.00 of that cost. The remaining costs of approximately \$4,100.00 will be added to the 2023 police line budget. If awarded this grant, we anticipate making this purchase in January of 2023. The deadline for submission of this equipment grant is June 17, 2022.

Analysis

By participating in this grant opportunity, we will be able to afford to upgrade our UAV to a model with law enforcement specific capabilities. These features will make this equipment exponentially more useful in the field. Not only will a new UAV give us an edge when assessing and responding to acts of terrorism, but it will provide useful day to day operational support.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-064

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AUTHORIZING THE CITY**
2 **ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A 2022 HOMELAND SECURITY**
3 **COUNTER TERRORISM EQUIPMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.**
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6 **WHEREAS** the City has the opportunity to apply for a 2022 Homeland Security
7 Counter Terrorism Equipment Grant through the Department of Homeland Security; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the City desires to seek \$5,000.00 worth of grant funding to purchase
10 an additional Unmanned Aircraft System, also referred to as a drone, for use by the Police
11 Department; and
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13 **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to authorize the application and acceptance
14 of this grant for the purpose.
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
17 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**
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19 **SECTION 1:** The City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to apply for
20 and accept a 2022 Homeland Security Counter Terrorism Equipment Grant, issued
21 through the Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of up to \$5,000.00, for the
22 purpose of funding an additional Unmanned Aircraft System for use by the Police
23 Department.
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25 **SECTION 2:** The City Administrator is authorized to do all things necessary or
26 convenient to apply for said funding and to carry out the terms of this Resolution.
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28 **SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final
29 passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions
30 of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.
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33 **ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**
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35 ATTEST:
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38 PRESIDING OFFICER
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38 CITY CLERK
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41 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2022.**
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46 MAYOR

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46 CITY CLERK

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49 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY