

RE: Department of Justice Body Worn Camera Grant

Background:

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has opened a grant opportunity through the Bureau of Justice Assistance which will provide funding for the implementation of body worn cameras. This is matching grant which will cover up to 50% of the costs of implementing body worn cameras.

Analysis:

Currently, we are considering budgeting for the purchase of body worn cameras in fiscal year 2026. The police department has decided to apply for this grant to help cover the substantial costs of implementing such a program.

The grant has a maximum award of \$2 million. Our estimated 5-year costs to implement our body worn camera program is approximately \$305,000.00 which means the grant could cover up to \$152,500.00.

The body worn camera project has been a requested capital improvement project for many years. However, budgeting for large scale projects such as this has a tremendous impact on the police department budget and funding sources for such a project are scarious. This grant could make implementation of a body worn camera project affordable and a reality.

Recommendation:

The staff of the police department recommends approval of this resolution to apply for and accept the DOJ body worn camera grant.

MEMO SUBMITTED BY:

Joe Campbell | Chief of Police

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,500.00 TO FUND A PORTION OF THE PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS the City has an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to a portion of the purchase of body worn cameras for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS City Council desires to authorize the City Administrator to apply for and accept the grant funding described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Administrator, or their authorized designee, is hereby authorized to apply for and accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to provide funds for the purchase of body worn cameras for the Police Department in the amount of \$152,500.00.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 14th DAY OF October 2025.

ATTEST:

PRESIDING OFFICER

CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY