



BODY WORN CAMERAS

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Body Worn Cameras

- Body Worn Cameras (BWC) will provide increased accountability and transparency for the Police Department.
- The department has evaluated BWC from different vendors and has chosen the COBAN System.
- Compatible with existing COBAN in-car camera systems in use by approximately 1/2 of the marked patrol fleet.

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- Total System will consist of the following:
 - ▣ 190 BWC
 - ▣ 8 8-bay docks
 - ▣ 60 vehicle syncing docks
 - ▣ 120 TB server
 - ▣ Archive Blu-Ray burner
 - ▣ Redaction hardware and software
 - ▣ Related software
 - ▣ Licensing and maintenance agreements

Funding

- The department has set aside funds from the Edward Byrne JAG grants in 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- In 2018, the department applied for, and was awarded, a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to fund a BWC Program.
- The CJD Grant requires the city to provide 20% matching funds. The matching funds will be provided by state forfeiture funds.

Funding

- CJD Grant
 - ▣ \$145,198
 - ▣ \$36,300 matching funds
- Funds will be used for BWC hardware, docks, a server, archive disc burner, software licensing and maintenance for the first year.
- Total CJD Grant Project: \$181,498
- JAG Grants
 - ▣ 2015 - \$37,456
 - ▣ 2016 - \$40,537
 - ▣ 2017 - \$38,529
- Funds BWC hardware, redaction hardware, software licensing and maintenance for years two-three for cameras, years two-five for the server and redaction hardware.
- Total JAG expenditure: \$98,836.
- \$17,686 of 2017 JAG funds will be left over.
- Total BWC System Cost: \$280,334

Recommendation

- The city staff recommends that the City Manager or his designee be designated as the authorized official and be given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the city. City staff further recommends the City Manager be designated to execute the purchase of the Body Worn Camera system from COBAN Technologies, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council purchasing cooperative and that the City Manager be expressly authorized to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by state and local law.