



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 18, 2019

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

FROM: Charles F. Kimble, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Purchase of police equipment and ammunition in excess of \$50,000

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Killeen Police Department purchases police duty gear, body armor and ammunition from GT Distributors, Inc. All ammunition is purchased under TXMAS contract 680-A1. Duty gear and body armor are purchased under TASB BuyBoard contract #524-17. The City of Killeen is a member of both purchasing cooperatives.

Current fiscal year expenditures are \$18,701 for ammunition and \$6,908 for duty gear. Projected expenses include an additional \$20,500 for ammunition, \$2,000 for duty gear, and approximately \$18,600 for soft body armor. The total projected purchases from GT Distributors, Inc. for the current fiscal year will be approximately \$66,709.

In addition to being members of competitive purchasing cooperatives, GT Distributors, Inc. is the only authorized law enforcement vendor in Texas for Vista Outdoors, Inc., the parent company for Federal Premium and Speer Ammunition.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Delay equipment purchases until fiscal year 19-20

Authorize the purchases as proposed.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends authorizing the purchase of duty gear, body armor and ammunition. Failure to do so will adversely affect the department's ability to train and properly equip officers.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This purchase conforms to City policy and applicable laws.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Current fiscal year expenditures to GT Distributors, Inc. total \$25,609. The total projected purchases from GT Distributors, Inc. for the fiscal year will be approximately \$66,709. The Police Department has identified budgeted funds to cover the expense.

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

Police firearms training is a perennial activity, as is equipping officers with new and replacement gear and armor. The department budgets funds for these expenses annually.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

Recurring

Is this expenditure budgeted?

Yes

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

Yes. Related accounts: 010-6050-441.41-20; 010-6050-441.41-63

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute the described purchase of police duty gear, body armor and ammunition from GT Distributors, Inc. through purchasing cooperatives TXMAS and TASB BuyBoard, an expense that will exceed \$50,000 in city funds to one vendor for the current fiscal year.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Purchasing
Finance
Legal

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Certificate of Interested Parties