



City of Killeen

Legislation Text

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Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the purchase of police duty gear, body armor and ammunition from GT Distributors, Inc, through purchase cooperatives TXMAS and TASB Buyboard, in an amount not to exceed \$186,400.

DATE: **October 5, 2021**

TO: **Kent Cagle, 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 #603-20. The City of Killeen is a member of both purchasing cooperatives.

Police firearms training is a perennial activity, as is equipping officers with new and replacement gear and soft body armor. Duty gear includes belts, pouches and various uniform accessories. The department budgets funds for these expenses annually.

Previous fiscal year expenditures were approximately \$90,000 for ammunition, and approximately \$100,000 for body armor and other duty gear. Projected expenses include approximately \$86,650 for ammunition, and approximately \$99,750 for soft body armor and duty gear. The total projected purchases from GT Distributors, Inc. for the current fiscal year will be approximately \$186,400.

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

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Delay purchases until FY 23.

Authorize the purchase of necessary ammunition and equipment as proposed.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends authorizing the purchases 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:

Purchases made through a cooperative contract satisfy the state competitive bidding requirements as stated in Texas Local Government Code section 271.102, subchapter F; a local government that purchases goods or services under this subchapter satisfies any state law requiring the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods or services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

Projected expenses for the current year are \$86,650 for ammunition, and approximately \$99,750 for soft body armor and duty gear. The total projected purchases from GT Distributors, Inc. for the current fiscal year will be approximately \$186,400.

Training and equipping officers is a continual activity for which the department budgets annually.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

Recurring

Is this expenditure budgeted?

Yes, funds are available in the General Fund Police Department accounts 010-6055-441-41.20 - Uniform and Clothing and 010-6055-441-41.65 - Supplies.

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

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

Yes

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the described purchase of police duty gear, body armor and ammunition from GT Distributors, Inc. through purchasing cooperatives TXMAS and TASB BuyBoard, in an amount not to exceed \$186,400.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Purchasing
Finance
Legal

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Certificate of Interested Parties
Exclusive Letter