



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: May 28, 2015
To: John Quincy, Chair, Ways and Means Committee
Referral to: Full Council
Subject: Request permission to proceed with the application for grant funds to the Office of Justice Programs – Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program.

Recommendation: That the police department be authorized to submit a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) application, due June 16, 2015, to develop, implement and evaluate a Body Worn Camera program as a comprehensive problem-solving approach to improve law enforcement and to enhance officer interactions with the public. The application seeks up to \$600,000 in award funding and requires a matching component up to the grant award.

Previous Directives:

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Robin McPherson

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

No financial impact at this time

Action is within the Business Plan

Additional Information

The Minneapolis Police Department will submit a grant application on June 16 to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for up to \$600,000 to plan, implement and evaluate a comprehensive program for body-worn cameras by selected MPD personnel and with input from the Community and the Criminal Justice system. Through the program, the MPD will develop and implement policies and practices, including the purchase and deployment of equipment, and privacy and data retention policy issues. The application will request up to \$600,000

and a local matching component up to the grant award is required. The MPD is currently evaluating Body Cameras and once complete, will compile an estimation of costs to implement. A comprehensive estimation of costs will be available prior to any acceptance of any grant award, assuming an award is received.