

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to purchase a DCS5 Professional Fingerprint Capture System from Foster and Freeman USA Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. (Grant Funds)

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Approval of the purchase of a DCS5 Professional Fingerprint Capture System from Foster and Freeman USA Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	.015%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

On October 11, 2023, Council accepted a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Technology and Equipment Program (TECP) (Item B.5). This award, 15JCOPS-23-GG-01710-TECP, was for \$1,500,000.

Discussion:

Currently, the personnel of the Forensics Investigation Team (FIT) of the Reno Police Department (RPD) utilizes basic conventional methods and techniques to process evidentiary

items for latent fingerprints, for example, powder methods at crime scenes and chemical methods in the laboratory. Once the latent fingerprint has been developed, the image of the friction ridge detail will then be captured for fingerprint comparison. The DCS5 Fingerprint Imaging Workstation is a comprehensive imaging system for the detection, capture, and enhancement of almost any type of fingerprint on any surface or background to ensure that maximum detail is revealed. It is an advanced fingerprint capture and enhancement system that produces high-resolution images of exceptional quality, allows advanced digital enhancement to uncover hidden details within the fingerprint image, and improves the value of print detail evidence.

The TECP grant application requested \$117,000 to purchase a Fingerprint Imaging Workstation comparable to the DCS5. We are requesting authorization for up to \$125,000 to allow for any cost increases or modifications if we are unable to obtain authorization to execute a purchase order within the time frame of our current quote and to accommodate small change order adjustments.

Financial Implications:

There is no impact on the General Fund.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City policy and Nevada law. Contracts of this nature (i.e., for forensic software, hardware, equipment, and supplies) are not subject to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 332 for an award by competitive bidding (NRS 332.115).

Recommendation:

Approval to purchase the DCS5 Professional Fingerprint Capture System from Foster and Freeman USA Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 and authorization for the Chief of Police, Director of Finance, and/or City Manager to sign the relevant agreement and/or purchase orders.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Quote