

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** June 12, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Contract with Blue Cover Six, LLC (BCS) for innovation and technology support to the Reno Police Department (RPD) in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. (General Fund)

**From:** Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

**Department:** Police Department

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**Summary:**

The Reno Police Department (RPD) has worked with Blue Cover Six, LLC (BCS) over the past 11 years to develop and leverage cutting-edge technology and services. This successful collaboration has resulted in the development of close to 30 applications utilized within the RPD. One example includes the public website Renopd.com. This advancement in targeted technology has provided RPD officers with meaningful technology and efficiency-creating tools making their job in the field safer and more efficient through quick access to critical data.

| Consent Review   | Yes   | No |
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| 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     |    |
| <b>Other Considerations</b>  |       |    |
| What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?                            | .139% |    |

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Public Safety

**Previous Council Action:**

July 26, 2023 – Council approved an agreement between BCS and RPD for computer software

services for fiscal year (FY) 22/23.

September 23, 2020 – Council approved an agreement between BCS and RPD for computer software services for FY 20/21.

August 26, 2019 – Council approved an agreement between BCS and RPD for FY 19/20.

**Discussion:**

The contract for services provides access to two full-time information technology (IT) professionals who specialize in software development. In addition to software development, the contract provides server administrative support and 24-hour IT emergency response. The collaboration between BCS and RPD has yielded over 30 web applications that have become key to the duties of officers in the field. To ensure the department is meeting its mission of community policing, the purpose of custom software is for a more efficient response to calls for service. This custom software provides real time access to data to officers in the field, including dynamic hotsheets of stolen vehicles, updated city and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), online briefing logs, and/or missing person reports with images.

**Financial Implications:**

The contract amount not to exceed \$120,000 will be expended from General Funds for the fiscal year and is included in the adopted budget.

**Legal Implications:**

Because this agreement is for computer software, pursuant to NRS 332.115 it is not adapted to award by competitive bidding.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the contract.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

FY 25 BCS Contract