

STAFF REPORT

Date: July 31, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval for the Reno Police Department (RPD) to purchase Forensic Technology’s Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. (Grant Funds)

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Approval for the Reno Police Department (RPD) to purchase Forensic Technology’s Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

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?		.02%

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

On October 11, 2023, Council accepted a grant award from the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) (Item B.5). This award, 15JCOPS-23-GG-01710-TECP, was for \$1,500,000. One of the goals of this grant award was to purchase equipment that will build the capacity of the Forensic Investigation Team (FIT) unit to process crime scenes and conduct evidentiary analysis

including ballistic information. There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Discussion:

RPD is in the process of establishing a Firearms section of its FIT to perform ballistic identification for firearm-related crimes. The IBIS integrates hardware and software to analyze information on spent firearm cartridges. It can then access a powerful search engine utilized by law enforcement agencies to find and establish links between firearm-related cases. IBIS represents the backbone of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) which is overseen by the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). This valuable database of ballistic intelligence can help link firearm crimes nationwide.

The implementation of IBIS at RPD is a preliminary step in establishing the FIT Firearms section and will be overseen and authorized by Forensic Technology in conjunction with the ATF. Currently, Forensic Technology's IBIS system is the only technology that complies with the security standards needed for integration into ATF's NIBIN system. RPD is requesting authorization for up to \$200,000 to allow for any cost increases or modifications if RPD is unable 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 for the initial purchase. After the one-year warranty period has lapsed, there will be an ongoing warranty cost of approximately \$18,173 per year beginning in fiscal year 2026. It is anticipated that these costs will be borne by general funds.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City policy and Nevada law. Contracts of this nature (i.e., computer hardware and software) are not adaptable to competitive bidding (Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 332.115).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approval for RPD to purchase Forensic Technology's Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and authorize the Chief of Police, Director of Finance, and/or the City Manager to sign the relevant agreement and purchase orders.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Forensic Technology Proposal for IBIS System