STAFF REPORT

Date: **October 26, 2022**

To: **Mayor and City Council**

Thru: **Doug Thornley, City Manager**

Subject: **Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential approval regarding the allocation of up to $6,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding via the State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF) to the Reno Police Department for the purchase of computer hardware, software and related equipment in order to improve technology and public safety equipment.**

From: **Jason Soto**

Department: Police Department

Summary:
The Reno Police Department has a philosophy of community-oriented and intelligence-led policing (ILP). ILP is a data-driven approach that utilizes technology and analysis to most effectively deploy resources to prevent and solve crime and mitigate staffing challenges. The bulk of the ARPA funding, $5,632,620, will serve as a one-time payment toward a 10-year amendment to the agreement with Axon for the bundled Officer Safety Plan. This plan will continue to meet the needs prescribed by NRS 289.830 pertaining to body-worn cameras, and includes AXON's most advanced technological features that integrate seamlessly across multiple platforms and leverages advanced AI technology.

The bundle not only includes the latest generation of BWC, Taser, and Fleet but cutting edge programs such as virtual reality training, redactions studio, interview room cameras and technology, automated transcription, unlimited cloud storage, third-party video playback, Citizen for communities (a community engagement application), GPS, live viewing and a host of additional features the Reno Police Department does not currently have. AXON and Fusus have already formed a partnership allowing these programs to work seamlessly together.

Coplink by Forensic Logic, LLC is a software program that integrates law enforcement databases such as computer-aided dispatch (CAD), report management systems (RMS), license plate reader (LPR) records and jail management systems (JMS). Coplink acts as a search engine with built-in analysis features that allow agencies to search this data across the United States and provide

instant access to information to assist in increasing situational awareness, facilitate collaboration across jurisdictions, engage in crime prevention efforts and assist in active investigations. Fusus is a map-based interface that utilizes software and hardware to combine participating private and public video streams, which will provide a common operating platform, enhancing situational awareness and investigative capabilities in real-time.

Additional databases containing information such as geographic features and floor plans may be integrated into the system to enhance mapping. Fusus has artificial intelligence software capable of automatically searching designated video feeds for specific people, vehicles or other distinctive features relevant to any search such as clothing associated with missing persons, victims or suspects. The real-time capability additionally provides remote overwatch capabilities that will enhance officer and community safety and enable a higher and more timely level of service.

The Reno Police Department prioritizes regional cooperation to act as a force multiplier. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Sparks Police Department already participate in the Axon Officer Safety Plan and are in the process of acquiring Coplink. These shared technologies facilitate regional communication and effective and efficient collaboration to best leverage technology and intelligence-led policing. We will be able to identify and proactively address trends relating to crime, traffic and quality of life challenges within the community. Incorporation of these technologies will significantly enhance analytical capabilities to provide additional and improved intelligence to appropriately allocate resources. The technologies also facilitate transparency, communication and partnerships with the community which should enhance the legitimacy with the community we serve.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:
Public Safety

Previous Council Action:
January 26, 2022 – Council heard a presentation regarding the allocation of the remaining $24,499,998.50 of State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds from the first round of funding and approved the staff's general allocation plan, and directed staff to identify projects that address the established priorities for funding.

August 25, 2021 – Council accepted the State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds allocated through ARPA, allocated $1,260,000 to urgent projects, and directed staff to begin a public engagement process to identify potential uses of remaining funds to support pandemic response and relief.

March 11, 2021 - President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). The SLFRF allocates funding to state, county, and local governments to support efforts to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The SLFRF includes a direct allocation of $51,519,997 to the City split into two tranches. The City received $25,759,998.50 in the first tranche on May 19, 2021 and allocated $1,260,000 to urgent projects on August 25, 2021

Financial Implications:
Funding is from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF) to the Reno Police Department for the purchase of computer hardware, software, and related equipment in order to improve technology. Funds in the amount of $6,000,000 will be allocated and spent in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act, the Department of Treasury Final Rule, and City purchasing policies and procedures.

Legal Implications:
None

Recommendation:
Staff recommends Council approve the allocation of $6,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding via the State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF) to the Reno Police Department for the purchase of computer hardware, software, and related equipment in order to improve technology and public safety equipment.

Proposed Motion:
I move to approve staff recommendation.