

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 26, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential approval of a three-year contract with Fusus, LLC for computer software, hardware, and related equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$195,000 to be funded in one installment utilizing State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF) allocated to the City of Reno through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to create a map-based interface that utilizes software and hardware to assist with criminal investigations.

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. Fusus is a map-based interface that utilizes software and hardware to combine participating private and public video streams into a single feed for both historical and live viewing. This provides a common operating platform which will expand 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. Technology and crime analysis are effective force multipliers that assist with staffing challenges. However, the city has grown in population by more than 20% since 2010, and this increase in population and the associated workload continues to present staffing challenges.

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 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:

If approved, the projects listed will be funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The annual subscription fees for the software will need to be addressed during the Fiscal Year 26 budget preparations. Funds will be spent in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act, the Department of Treasury Final Rule, and City purchasing policies and procedures.

Legal Implications:

Pursuant to NRS 332.115 this contract is not adapted to award by competitive bidding as it is for computer software, hardware, and related equipment. Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the three-year contract with Fusus, LLC for the purchase of computer software and related hardware and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$195,000, to create a map-based interface that utilizes software and hardware to combine participating private and public video streams into a single feed for both historical and live viewing and authorize the Chief of Police, City Manager and/or Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Fusus Independent Contractor Agreement

Fusus Offer Letter

Fusus Quote for Services