

Legislation Text

File #: 2024-1686

Purchase of TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT FUNDED PURCHASE OF A TRUENARC HANDHELD NARCOTICS ANALYZER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,779.57 PLUS ANY APPLICABLE TAXES FROM THERMO SCIENTIFIC PORTABLE ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTS, INC.

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution 298-23 authorizing the acceptance of a non-matching Public Safety Equipment Grant from the Arkansas Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$40,365.58 for the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force to purchase a handheld narcotics analyzer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

<u>Section 1</u>: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes the purchase of a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. in the amount of \$36,779.57 plus any applicable taxes.



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU:

FROM: Mike Reynolds, Police Chief

SUBJECT: Purchase of TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution for the grant funded purchase of a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. via Government Services Administration (GSA) contract number GS-07F-6099R in the amount of \$36,779.57 plus tax.

BACKGROUND:

On December 19, 2023, City Council approved Resolution 298-23 (attached) to accept a non-matching Public Safety Equipment Grant from the Arkansas Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$40,365.58 for the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) to purchase a handheld narcotics analyzer.

DISCUSSION:

As previously discussed with City Council, the use of illicit narcotics and opioids continues to skyrocket. Emerging lethal drugs like fentanyl and xylazine threaten public safety. To save lives and protect the investigating law enforcement officers, controlled and deadly substances need to be identified quickly, safely and accurately. Traditional methods of preliminary field identification require exposure as the law enforcement officer manipulates the potentially deadly substance. A handheld narcotics analyzer provides a much safer inthe-field identification method by reducing the exposure of the law enforcement officer to the substance.

The TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer provided by Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. has been the industry standard for well over a decade, and this analyzer is currently in use by numerous federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The TruNarc Handheld Narcotic Analyzer has a proven track record in accuracy and dependability, and this analyzer will be an extremely valuable safety tool used by our officers investigating suspected drug traffickers.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

This is a budgeted purchase with non-matching grant funds provided by the Arkansas Department of Public Safety tracked via project number 32209.2301 in the City's project accounting system. This purchase has no impact on staffing.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), Sales Quotation_001 (#4), GSA Contract _001 (#5), Resolution 298-23 _001 (#6)