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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Keith Cross, Chief of Police
Michael Pegues, CIO
Julie Frankino, Grant Writer

DATE: 01/12/23

SUBJECT:

Request approval to accept agreement number 54368-0001 between the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) & the City of Aurora for the Corridor Improvements Grant for the IT Department.

PURPOSE:

The Corridor Improvements Grant will be used to install security cameras and license plate readers on city-owned posts and along city-owned sidewalks.

BACKGROUND:

Following civil unrest on May 31, 2020, the Aurora Police Department and the IT Department identified areas of the city to place additional cameras and upgrade the existing camera inventory. A grant proposal was developed and submitted to the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under the Rebuild Distressed Communities Grant Program requesting funding to install cameras and license plate readers in the strategically identified locations. The State of Illinois subsequently contracted with LISC to administer the Rebuild Distressed Communities Grant Program.

DISCUSSION:

The new cameras will increase the city's safety and security by providing surveillance coverage to support investigations and prosecutions. In areas with outdated cameras, the new equipment will provide higher-resolution images. The project will be managed by Scientel Solutions with oversight by the IT Department. Scientel Solutions was awarded the contract to maintain and manage the City's security camera network as approved in Resolution 21-135 in June of 2021.

Expenditures under this grant will follow the city's procurement requirements as well as the bondable requirements set by the Rebuild Illinois Program and all applicable state or federal regulations.

The grant provides 100% of the funding for the project and there is no local cost match involved with the project. The following expense accounts will be used for this grant:

- 340-1280-419.61-40 - supplies-general/expendable tools/equipment purchases - \$1,023,880
- 340-1280-419.32-20 - contracted services - \$152,690
- 340-1280-419.32-80 - consulting fees - \$23,430

The revenue account for this grant will be 340-1280-334.30-02. A budget amendment will be necessary as we were uncertain that we would receive the grant at the time the 2023 City budget was prepared.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant project will result in improved safety and security for Aurora residents, businesses, and visitors. Equipment installed through this project will supplement and enhance the Aurora Police Department's existing security surveillance capabilities. Management of the project and maintenance of cameras will be the responsibility of the city's IT Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Request the City approve and execute the grant agreement with LISC and accept the grant award of \$1,200,000.00.

cc: Finance Committee

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution to accept agreement number 53468-0001 between the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) & the City of Aurora for the Corridor Improvements Grant Program Grant for the IT Department.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois', Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has approved a \$1,200,000 grant to the IT Department, administered by LISC, to

cover the cost of installing security cameras and license plate readers and

WHEREAS, the installation of said cameras will improve the safety and security of the entire community.

WHEREAS, the following expense accounts will be used for this grant: for supplies-general/expendable tools/equipment purchases, account 101-1280-419.61-40; for contracted services, 101-1280-419.32-20; for consulting fees, 101-1280-419.32-80. The revenue account for this grant will be 101-1280-334.30-02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: the city accepts a \$1,200,000 grant from Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) for the Corridor Improvements Grant to the IT Department to cover the cost of installing security cameras and license plate readers, and the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement and other relevant documents with LISC.

PRIOR ACTION