



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Lt. Bill Rowley, Aurora Police Department

DATE: 11/15/23

SUBJECT:

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$79,550.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office De-Escalation Grant Program.

PURPOSE:

To obtain City Council approval of a grant to be used to allow the Aurora Police Department to expand its training in de-escalation techniques, duty to intervene, and development of less lethal tactics.

BACKGROUND:

The Aurora Police Department has a longstanding commitment to provide the best and most relevant training to our police officers.

We know that a highly trained officer is better equipped to make sound judgements and take appropriate actions when faced with difficult incidents that could include the use of force against our fellow citizens.

The Aurora Police Department continues to train our officers in de-escalation tactics as part of an ongoing commitment to the safety of our community, the equitable treatment of all those we serve, and the safety of our first responders.

DISCUSSION:

This grant will provide \$79,550.00 over a 24-month period beginning October 2, 2023 through October 2, 2025 and is intended to fund additional training in de-escalation, duty to intervene, and deployment of less lethal tactics. These will be incorporated into scenario-based training sessions for our officers.

The Grant Revenue will be placed in account 101-3536-334.30-02. Expenses will be made following the City's Purchasing Policies and funded through account 101-3536-421.50-50.

There will be no supplantation or comingling of operational and grant award funds in support of this organized retail crime reduction program.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

This resolution must be approved and signed to properly execute the agreement and to begin implementing the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Request approval of a Resolution to accept a grant award of \$79,550.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office De-Escalation Grant Program.

cc: Finance Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution authorizing the City to a grant award of \$79,550.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office De-Escalation Grant Program.

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 Aurora Police Department has a longstanding commitment to provide the best and most relevant training to our police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora Police Department received a grant from the US Department of Justice COPS Office; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide \$79,550.00 over a 24-month period beginning October 2, 2023 through October 2, 2025 and is intended to fund additional training in de-escalation, duty to intervene, and deployment of less lethal tactics. These will be incorporated into scenario-based training sessions for our officers; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Revenue will be placed in account 101-3536-334.30-02. Expenses will be made following the City's Purchasing Policies and funded through account 101-3536-421.50-50; and

WHEREAS, there will be no supplantation or comingling of operational and grant award funds in support of this organized retail crime reduction program)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows:

the City is authorized to accept grant award of \$79,550.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office De-Escalation Grant Program.