



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorize the sole source purchase of four Raven Audio Detection Devices from Flock Group Inc. in the amount of \$200,000 using Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant #2848908 Funds and consider Resolution No. 2023-027, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Regional Asset Transfer Addendum with the City of Fort Worth to transfer equipment purchased by the City of North Richland Hills using TAG Grant #2848908 funds.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills ("NRH") serves as the fiduciary and grant recipient for the FY2023 North Texas Anti-Gang Center ("TAG") Project Grant #2848908. The grant award includes funding for the purchase of four Raven Audio Detection Devices in the amount of \$200,000 and the subsequent transfer of ownership and responsibility of the asset to the City of Fort Worth ("Fort Worth"), a TAG Constituent Agency.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Raven Audio Detection Device recognizes gunshots, logs the location, and alerts law enforcement to the scene. Working in tandem with the Flock Safety Falcon™ Automatic License Plate Reader ("ALPR") camera system, suspect vehicle leads at the perimeter are identified and delivered in a simple, map-based view providing the objective evidence officers need to respond to gunshots quickly.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase four Raven Audio Detection Devices from Flock Group Inc. in the amount of \$200,000 using FY2022/2023 TAG grant 2848908 funding. Flock Safety is the manufacturer and developer of the Raven Audio Detection Device and is the sole provider of the monitoring and processing services which integrate with Fort Worth's existing Flock Safety ALPR Camera system. Staff has provided sufficient documentation for this purchase. An associated item for the purchase of nine Acoustic Threat and Gunshot Detection Systems from Met One Instruments, Inc., in the amount of \$74,818.75 is on the April 10, 2023 City Council agenda for consideration. These systems will work together to assist in the detection of gun violence.

Upon execution of a Regional Asset Transfer Addendum, NRH will transfer ownership and responsibility of the asset to Fort Worth. As the receiving jurisdiction, Fort Worth agrees to maintain compliance with the laws, rules and regulations of the grant, including compliance



with all state and federal grant eligibility requirements as outlined in the Addendum. Following the Initial Term (24 months), Fort Worth will be the billing entity for this project and responsible for payment if they desire to continue service.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the sole source purchase of four Raven Audio Detection Devices from Flock Group Inc., in the amount of \$200,000 using Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant #2848908 Funds and approve Resolution No. 2023-027, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Regional Asset Transfer Addendum with the City of Fort Worth to transfer equipment purchased by the City of North Richland Hills using TAG Grant #2848908 funds.