

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 12, 2018
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2018-006, authorizing submission of the grant application for the Texas Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division Justice Assistance Grant Program #3568701.
PRESENTER: Mike Young, Assistant Police Chief

SUMMARY:

The Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office has notified the Police Department that grant funds have been allocated to assist in funding law enforcement programs in the Council of Government's North Central Region under the Justice Assistance Grant Program #3568701 (JAG). If awarded, the Police Department plans to use the funds to purchase a tactical negotiator communication system. This system encompasses all facets of critical incident and hostage negotiations and supports the negotiation team's overall mission to resolve conflict peacefully to ensure the safety of all persons during crisis situations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The police department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize JAG funds offered through the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office for hostage negotiation and tactical equipment designed specifically for critical incident negotiations. The state-of-the art equipment can be used with land-line phones and cellular phones, has built-in Bluetooth capabilities and is Surface compatible. The video processing aggregator allows the negotiation team and command personnel real-time, shared access to the numerous audio and video feeds deployed at the scene. At the conclusion of an event, the incident logs, the time and date-stamped recordings and attachments can be transferred to any type of storage media, which can be booked into evidence. This more advanced and efficient system will replace the current negotiation system which has out-of-date equipment and no cellular capabilities.

The total grant request is for \$55,008. There is no requirement for a cash match under the terms of the grant program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2018-006.