

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE**: July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2016-019, 2016 CJD Criminal Justice

Programs Competitive Grant #31031-01.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

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 2016 CJD Criminal Justice Programs Competitive Grant #31031-01. If awarded, the Police Department plans to use the funds to purchase 22 new Stalker Dual DSR radar units. These radar units will be placed in the 21 police vehicles which currently are not equipped with radar units along with one spare unit.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The North Richland Hills Police Department's patrol section has 33 police vehicles assigned to the section. Of these, 21 are currently without radar units installed. These vehicles are distributed throughout the four patrol shifts. Without radar units, officers assigned to these vehicles are unable to conduct speed related traffic safety enforcement within their assigned districts. Specifically, they are unable to sufficiently address community complaints in reference to speeding issues in their neighborhoods without the equipment to conduct traffic safety enforcement. Officers also act as a visible deterrent to motorist by conducting traffic stops in areas where they are known to exceed the safe speed limits. This visible deterrent can have positive impacts on the number of speed violations in areas where motorists know officers frequently conduct traffic safety enforcement using radar. The requested Stalker model radar units are equipped with front and rear mounted radar antennas and low profile speed display boxes which do not interfere or obstruct the officers view from the vehicle.

The total of the grant request is \$57,896.08. There is no match requirement for this grant request through the Texas Governor's Office. The grant funds are passed through the Criminal Justice Division and will be dispersed on a competitive basis throughout the NCTCOG's 16-county region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2016-019.