



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider the purchase of a Mini-Caliber Robot from ICOR Technology, Inc in the amount of \$85,061.18 using the Office of the Governor FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Criminal Justice Assistance Grant No. 5343201 funds.

PRESENTER: Jeff Garner, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills ("NRH") is the grant recipient of \$85,063 with the Office of the Governor's FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Criminal Justice Assistance Grant No. 5343201. The grant award includes funding for the purchase of a remote operated tactical surveillance robot to be used by the Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Mini-Caliber Robot is a small-sized robot that is specifically designed to support SWAT and tactical operations. Its small size allows for deployment in confined spaces, such as hallways, stairwells and other areas that may be hazardous or inaccessible to personnel. Equipped with rubber tracks, the robot can traverse rough terrain, climb stairs and operate effectively in a wide range of environments.

The Mini-Caliber's extendible rotating claw arm includes a 10X zoom camera, allowing operators to visually assess areas before sending in officers. The arm can lift objects up to 15 lbs., deliver items, and open doors. The robot is outfitted with two-way audio, enabling operators to communicate through the robot in real time.

The robot's technology enhances officer safety by providing the SWAT team with the ability to gather crucial tactical intelligence such as the number and location of suspects, the presence of hostages, interior layouts and other potential threats without exposing personnel to unnecessary risks.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase a Mini-Caliber Robot from ICOR Technology, Inc in the amount of \$85,061.18, using Office of the Governor's FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Criminal Justice Assistance Grant No. 5343201 funds. ICOR Technology, Inc is a sole source provider. Staff has provided sufficient documentation for this purchase.



RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the purchase of a Mini-Caliber Robot from ICOR Technology, Inc in the amount of \$85,061.18 using the Office of the Governor FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Criminal Justice Assistance Grant No. 5343201 funds.