



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorize the sole source purchase of equipment to upgrade North Richland Hills Police Department's Skywatch Surveillance Tower from Teledyne FLIR Detection, Inc., in the amount of \$106,310.80 using the Office of the Governor's FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant Program Crime Detection and Prevention Tower Grant #4448501 funds.

PRESENTER: Mike Young, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills is the grant recipient of \$100,000.00 with the Office of the Governor's FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant Program Crime Detection and Prevention Tower, Grant #4448501. The Police Department is using the funds to upgrade its Skywatch Surveillance Tower which was purchased in 2011 and was manufactured by Teledyne FLIR Detection, Inc to promote public safety, reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system. The additional \$6,310.80 will come from department funds.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Skywatch Surveillance Towers are used by law enforcement agencies to detect and deter criminal activity in commercial and residential areas and provide an observational vantage point during significant city events.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase equipment to upgrade the Skywatch Surveillance Tower that was purchased in 2011 and was manufactured by Teledyne FLIR Detection, Inc, in the amount of \$106,310.80. FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant #4448501 funds of \$100,000 will be used for this purchase and the additional \$6,310.80 will come from department funds. Teledyne FLIR Detection, Inc., is the sole manufacturer of the Skywatch Surveillance Tower that North Richland Hills Police Department owns. Staff has provided sufficient documentation for this purchase.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the sole source purchase of equipment to upgrade North Richland Hills Police Department's Skywatch Surveillance Tower from Teledyne FLIR Detection, Inc., in the amount of \$106,310.80 using the Office of the Governor's FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant Program Crime Detection and Prevention Tower Grant #4448501 funds.