



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2019-002 authorizing the City Manager to execute memoranda of understanding with the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Bedford, Hurst and Tarrant County, for the FY 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program Awards and Implementation.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance notified the Police Department that grant funds were allocated to assist in funding law enforcement programs in the City of North Richland Hills under the FY 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant programs. To negotiate the sharing of the funds and facilitate implementation, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) must be approved by the City Council.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

To receive the grant funds, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has required the City of North Richland Hills, the cities of Hurst, Bedford, Arlington, Fort Worth and Tarrant County to approve MOU negotiating the sharing of funds with Tarrant County. The City of Fort Worth has agreed to act as the official filing agent for the other cities and Tarrant County. The municipalities involved agreed to confer 25% of their total allocated funds to Tarrant County to satisfy the disparate certification imposed on the group by the Texas Attorney General.

Once awarded, an MOU must also be approved between the City of Fort Worth and the City of North Richland Hills to facilitate effective implementation in compliance with the Department of Justice program requirements.

Under the terms of the FY 2017 MOU, the City of North Richland Hills will receive \$7,798.00. The Police Department plans to use the proceeds of this grant award to purchase 14 tactical mini-ram breaching tools. There is no requirement for a cash match under the terms of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2019-002.