

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 27, 2017
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2017-008, Texas Governor's Office Criminal Justice Programs Competitive Grant, and Authorize an Agreement with Spillman Technologies, Inc., to upgrade the Police Department's current records management software in the amount of \$73,845.00.
PRESENTER: Rick Scott, Assistant Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office has allocated grant funds to assist Texas police departments with converting from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Under CJD Competitive Grant # 31988-01, the Police Department will use these funds to upgrade the current Spillman Technologies records management software as permitted under the grant guidelines to capture and report NIBRS information.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

During the last Texas legislative session, House Bill 11 was passed which included provisions to move Texas to the NIBRS reporting system. The law now requires all Texas police department's to convert to NIBRS reporting no later than September 1, 2019.

NIBRS is an incident-based reporting system used by law enforcement agencies across the nation for collecting and reporting data on crime. Local, state and federal agencies generate NIBRS data from their records management systems. Currently, the department's record management system allows for adequate UCR reporting in ten different categories. However, to be compliant with the NIBRS mandate, the system will be upgraded to be capable of reporting twenty two different categories. This enhancement will provide greater specificity and more thorough reporting of crimes occurring in our community.

This grant will effectively place the department two years ahead of scheduled mandate. In addition to securing these funds, the police department has taken a leadership role in facilitating the NIBRS conversion for our partner agencies of Haltom City, Richland Hills, and Watauga police departments. This unified approach drew considerable praise from the state for our joint efforts in unifying resources and exceeding the mandate.



The State has already approved grant funding for North Richland Hills through their competitive process in the amount of \$73,845 to purchase the Spillman NIBRS software. This action will approve a Resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of the grant funds. This action will also authorize those funds to be used to purchase the software upgrade from Spillman Technologies for program costs to include onsite installation, configuration, and technical coordination with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Spillman Technologies is the sole owner, developer and provider for all Spillman software, products, services and support.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2017-008 and Authorize Agreement with Spillman Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$73,845.00.