



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 27, 2017
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2017-013, approving application for and acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Governor's Office 2017 Homeland Security Grants Division Competitive Grant #33217-01, for night vision goggles.
PRESENTER: Mike Young, Assistant Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Homeland Security Grants 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 2017 State Homeland Security Program's Competitive Grant #33217-01. If awarded, the Police Department plans to use the funds to purchase night vision goggles for the department's SWAT team to use during their operations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The North Richland Hills Police Department plans to use grant funds to purchase four sets of night vision goggles for the North Richland Hills SWAT team which currently only has five total night vision goggle sets. This grant request will provide the North Richland Hills SWAT Team with the capability to purchase four additional night vision goggles for use in operating in low light or no light conditions in response to terrorist attack, tactical movement, hostage rescue, active shooter incidents, and responses to other criminal activity. By providing this specialized equipment, the operators on the SWAT team will be able to approach, apprise and respond to incidents while remaining hidden in nighttime conditions, thus enhancing their safety.

The total of the grant request is \$14,200. There is no match requirement for this grant request through the Texas Governor's Office. The grant funds are passed through the Homeland Security Grants Division and will be dispersed on a competitive basis throughout the NCTCOG's 16-county region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2017-013.