



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2020-018, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Community Oriented Policing Services FY20 School Violence Prevention Program for expedited public safety response to emergency situations at school sites.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has announced the FY20 School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) application, which provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to improve security at schools and on school grounds. The Police Department will use the grant funds to purchase collaborative response graphic tools that will provide comprehensive school and campus site mapping to coordinate emergency response to critical school incidents.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize grant funds offered through the COPS - FY20 SVPP program, which is designed to provide funding for school safety measures in and around K-12 (primary and secondary) schools and school grounds. The grant funds offered from this program will be used to purchase visual communication and collaboration tools that will provide first responders with situational maps of school campuses. In one map, emergency personnel can quickly view floor plans with room labels, building layouts, fire alarms, hazardous materials, and utility shutoffs. For emergency operations external to the school structure, gridded overhead imagery of the entire grounds will be used to coordinate staging areas, command posts, ambulance routes, surrounding roads and security perimeters.

Almost two decades of after-action reports in the post-Columbine era point out that unfamiliarity with location and inability to communicate location inhibited response time in closing with active assailants and evacuating casualties. This new technology will provide emergency responders accessible and easy-to-navigate information to quickly and efficiently maneuver throughout the school campus during critical school incidents.

The FY20 SVPP is a three-year award program that will provide up to 75 percent funding for eligible costs related to the program. The total grant application amount is \$116,825 which includes a 25 percent (\$29,206.25) local cash match requirement. We



are working with Birdville ISD to split the cost of this expense but will cover any outstanding balance through the use of our forfeiture accounts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Resolution No. 2020-018.