



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Finance Committee Members

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
 Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr. Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Consideration of Application for Governor's Crime Commission

DATE: January 21, 2014

Background:

The Elizabeth City Police Department continues to seek grant funding opportunities through outside sources including Federal, State, Local, and private entities. The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission is now accepting applications for FY 2014 funding and offering grant funding for equipment for law enforcement agencies who do not qualify to receive funding directly from the US Department of Justice JAG allocation. Individual JAG allocations for 2014 have not been made public yet; therefore, the Elizabeth City Police Department wishes to receive approval to submit an application directly to the Governor's Crime Commission for this funding so that the opportunity to receive grant monies is not missed. Specifically, the Elizabeth City Police Department will seek to acquire weapons replacement with the purchase of thirty-three (33) Glock 17 9 mm service firearms to be used by police officers in the field. The purchase of these replacement weapons would be to enhance the daily operations of the department and provide officer safety and accountability.

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Analysis:

The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, through its Local Law Enforcement Block Grant is offering law enforcement agencies up to \$15,000 in grant funding with a 25% match on the part of the agency. The Elizabeth City Police Department is seeking to replace their current weapon inventory and would like to purchase thirty-three new Glock handguns at a cost of \$450.00 each, for a total of **\$14,850.00**. Under the requirements of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, which receives grant monies from the US Department of Justice (JAG Office), there is a 25% match required of the agency. To purchase all thirty-three (33) weapons, the City of Elizabeth City would have to match a total of **\$3,713.00** and North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission would cover a total of **\$11,137.00**. If approved, the City's matching funding would be expended in FY 14-15 budget.

In addition, the City will be trading in its existing weapons.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Finance Committee make a recommendation to submit a preliminary grant application to the Governor's Crime Commission for the purchase of thirty-three (33) Glock 9 mm handguns to be used by sworn police officers in the field and to incorporate funding into the FY 14-15 budget.