



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
City Council
Meeting of: February 21, 2024

Agenda Item No.:
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DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
DIRECTOR: Jason Potts

CONSENT

SUBJECT:

For possible action to approve the acceptance of a Department of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$100,000 from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety for virtual reality equipment to use when training sworn staff de-escalation techniques to reduce use of force and officer injuries - All Wards

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The city of Las Vegas is awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 by the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety to reimburse the city of Las Vegas for the cost of purchasing virtual reality (VR) equipment to complement de-escalation techniques learned in the classroom. VR provides foresight, preparing officers for any situation they are confronted with as a party at the scene. This immersive training empowers officers with real-time decision-making tools, fostering a more measured response reducing the likelihood of excessive force. The city of Las Vegas Department of Public Safety seeks to train approximately 300 sworn staff through this enhanced de-escalation program, followed by an annual refresher course. The de-escalation program benefits the city by reducing use of force incidents and officer injuries ultimately creating a safer environment for staff and citizens while improving the officer's skills.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council accept the grant award and authorize the Mayor to sign all related agreements following approval of City Attorney.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. JAG Grant Award Letter and Conditions