



Legislation Text

File #: 23-2787, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): United States Department of Justice

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Sheriff's Office for approval to submit an application to the United States Department of Justice for grant funds in the amount of \$100,000, with no required match, for the FY 2023 Virtual Reality Training Equipment Program.

Background and Discussion:

This grant will enable the Harris County Sheriff's Office to purchase virtual reality training equipment to better prepare personnel for responding to calls for service involving de-escalation and crisis intervention situations. The equipment will also improve the way detention staff respond to incarcerated individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Funding for this project was included as an earmark appropriation in the FY 2023 federal budget.

Expected Impact:

This grant will enable the Sheriff's Office to better train law enforcement and detentions personnel.

Alternative Options:

If we do not apply for this grant we would forfeit the opportunity to receive funding for virtual reality training equipment.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation

- ☐ Flooding
☐ Environment
☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Sheriff's Office		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$70,000	\$30,000	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$70,000	\$30,000	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$70,000	\$30,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$70,000	\$30,000	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$70,000	\$30,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: May 16, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager, Sheriff's Office

Attachments (if applicable): Grant application documents