



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2281, **Version:** 1

Department: Management and Budget

Department Head/Elected Official: Daniel Ramos, Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Commercial Paper

Project ID (if applicable): LAWEQUIP

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

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 for approval of commercial paper funding for the Harris County Law Enforcement Agencies for the Law Enforcement Personnel Equipment project in the additional amount of \$1,955,000 for a total CP funding of \$2,955,000.

Background and Discussion:

Commercial Paper Series D can be used for (1) construction of public works, (2) the purchase of automobiles, equipment and machinery, including computers, materials and supplies for the operation of the County's precincts and departments (3) Professional services, including services provided by engineers, architects, attorneys, auditors, financial advisors, and fiscal agents, in connection with the contractual obligations described in (1) and (2).

Commercial Paper is being requested for the Law Enforcement Personnel Equipment project and is expected to be repaid within the next three fiscal years either through bonds, budgetary means or pay-as-you-go sources. This is for approval for allocation of commercial paper for a previously approved project within the previously authorized amount.

HB 1869 compliance confirmed by: Michael James, Special Assistant County Attorney, October 21, 2022.

Expected Impact:

This project is to purchase tasers and body armor for law enforcement officers in Harris County, including the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Fire Marshal, and all 8 Constable precincts. Tasers and body armor are essential items for the safety of the officers and the public.

Alternative Options:

The County could choose a different type of taser or body armor that would be less expensive but is less

preferred by Harris County law enforcement agencies. The County could continue its current practice of each agency purchasing its own equipment with General Fund dollars, but this would be more expensive, and it would deplete General Fund dollars that could be used for operational law enforcement purposes. The County could purchase a smaller number of tasers, or body armor each year and replace them less frequently, but this would lead towards less safe and more worn-out 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
11/15/2022	22-7173	Request for approval of FIM for \$2,953,070 and CP funding in the amount of \$1,000,000

Location:

Address (if applicable): Multiple

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Miscellaneous Building Cost			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Commercial Paper	\$	\$1,955,000	\$1,955,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$1,955,000	\$1,955,000	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$1,955,000	\$1,955,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: April 23, 2024

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: Amy Perez, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Management and Budget

Attachments (if applicable): N/A