



TO: Mayor Chuck Barney
Members of the City Council

FROM: Captain John Klug

DATE: August 22, 2018

SUBJECT: FY 2018 LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend approval to apply for and accept the Fiscal Year 2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

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| Jason Olson, Chief of Police | 857-4715 |
| John Klug, Captain | 857-9800 |

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Minot Police Department and Ward County Sheriff's Department will make a joint purchase of a Crisis Response Throw Phone and Video System for use by the Crisis Negotiations Team. This team is staffed with personnel from both agencies falls under the direction of the SWAT Commander.

B. Proposed Project

This equipment will replace and upgrade the current throw phone which has been in use for about 10 years. There are portions of the current system that are no longer in working order and an upgrade is needed. The Crisis Response Throw Phone and Video System is used by negotiators when attempting to establish contact with a subject and initiate conversation in an attempt to gain compliance and take control of the situation. This is a key piece of equipment for the Crisis Negotiations Team.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

It will provide an effective way to communicate and negotiate with a subject in crisis or during a suspect in a critical incident if all other means of communication are disabled or a phone number is unknown. Engaging in open communication can help bring a peaceful resolution to a situation and decrease the chance that force will be necessary.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

This system will increase the ability of the Crisis Negotiations Team to establish an open line of communication with a subject in crisis and bring a peaceful resolution, thereby providing effective service to our community and the residents in Ward County.

C. Fiscal Impact:

Project Costs

Equipment / Trailer \$21,500 (approximate)

Project Funding

FY 2017 JAG Grant \$21,622

V. ALTERNATIVES

An alternative to this proposal would be to include it in the police department budget in 2020. This item has been on the list of needed equipment for at least 2 years, but has been cut due to budget constraints.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Grant application due by August 22, 2018.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. Memorandum of Understanding