



**TO:** Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Capt. Dale Plessas

**DATE:** March 15, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (2021200003/PD0196)**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend Council to pass an ordinance to amend the 2021 annual budget for the Project Safe Neighborhood award amount.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

John Klug	857-9800
Dale Plessas	857-9868

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

On August 17, 2020 the City Council approved a request from the Police Department, to apply for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant (PSN). The grant was awarded to the police department in the amount of \$18,883.

B. Proposed Project

The **Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant (PSN) Program** is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the US Attorney's office in each district. This grant program provides funds for regional and local initiatives that support one or more of the following PSN Task Force Goals:

1. Reduce the overall instances of violent crimes in the target counties;
2. Identify and deter potentially dangerous hotspot crime situations;
3. Conduct community outreach and educational campaigns and foster community efforts and programs designed to combat crime.

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Strategic Impact:

The Minot Police Department is the primary agency with jurisdiction over most violent crimes that occur within the city limits of Minot, ND. The PSN Grant will aid in purchasing equipment that documents violent crimes to aid in prosecution of offenders.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

The use of a crime scene scanner or optical camera system will aid the Minot Police Department in accurately documenting crime scenes to enhance the departments ability to investigate and prosecute acts of violent crime.

C. Fiscal Impact:

<u>Project Costs</u>	
Camera Documentation Equipment 42020000-57500	\$18,883
<u>Project Funding</u>	
Federal Grant Revenue 42000000-33100	\$18,883

**V. ALTERNATIVES**

Alt 1. The city council could decline this requested budget amendment and require the Police Department to make any purchase out of the existing budget. The results would be the reduced police budget and reduction of services.

Alt 2. The Council could turn down the Federally funded program and deny the procurement of a crime scene scanner.

**VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

This project must commence within 60 days of the award. If the project does not commence within 60 days, the project director must submit a report with reasons for the delay. If project has not commenced with 90 days, the project director must submit a second report and funding will be in jeopardy.

**VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Grant Award Acceptance for PSN Grant.
- B. Budget Amendment