

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BODY-WORN CAMERA PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FY 2015

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)'s Body-worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Programs (PIP), authorized under a statutory set-aside for technology purposes under 42 U.S.C. 3756(a)(1), is for law enforcement agencies seeking to establish or enhance Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Programs; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the program (CFDA #16.738) is to help develop, implement, and evaluate a body-worn camera as one tool in a law enforcement comprehensive problem-solving approach to enhance officer interactions with the public and build community trust; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn camera programs has shown them to be a promising practice to improve their interactions with the public. These cameras are an important tool that could be an integrated part of a jurisdiction's holistic problem-solving and community-engagement strategy, helping to increase both trust and communication between the police and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras can be highly effective, providing an inalterable audio and visual record of interactions that can capture empirical evidence in the event of a crime, police-citizen interaction, or use-of-force incident; and

WHEREAS, this grant application requests funding to assist the Greensboro Police Department in outfitting officers below the rank of lieutenant with individually issued body-worn cameras; thereby, enhancing the implementation of the Department's Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the grant project will be funded entirely from NC State Drug Excise Tax Funds and Body-worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program Grant Funds. \$75,807 from the State Tax Funds will leverage an additional \$249,451 in Body Worn Camera Project Improvement Project funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$325,258 in federal Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program funds is hereby approved.