

From the District Attorney, Requesting Permission to Apply for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Match Grant Funding to Equip Investigators in the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office with Body-Worn Cameras and to Accept any Grant Award that May Result, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney (DA) is requesting permission to apply to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for Federal grant funding identified as Opportunity Number O-BJA-2021-131001 (Federal grant); and

WHEREAS, this Federal grant will fund, in part, the acquisition and maintenance of, and digital storage for, body-worn cameras for sworn Investigators and Process Investigators in the DA’s office; and

WHEREAS, the DA has an authorized staff of 24 sworn positions, including six hourly Process Investigators, 16 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Investigators, and two FTE Line Supervisors, who interact with members of the public when engaging in official, law enforcement related functions; and

WHEREAS, sworn law enforcement personnel across the country and worldwide are using body-worn cameras as a tool to improve law enforcement interactions with the public, strengthen law enforcement accountability and transparency, and assist in deescalating conflicts, resulting in more constructive encounters between officers and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Federal grant, if awarded, will commence on October 1, 2021, and continue for 36 months, ending on September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Federal grant contains a 1:1 match requirement, with a grant funding ceiling of \$2,000 per body camera; and

WHEREAS, the DA has obtained, for illustration purposes only in seeking permission to apply for this Federal grant, a quote for a five year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for cameras and related services, having an overall five year contract cost of \$152,486, and annual shared costs as follows:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Federal Funds	\$24,979	\$12,816	\$10,205	\$0	\$0	\$48,000
County Funds	\$24,979	\$12,816	\$15,427	\$25,632	\$25,632	\$104,486
Total Expense	\$49,958	\$25,632	\$25,632	\$25,632	\$25,632	\$152,486

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44 WHEREAS, in applying for this Federal grant, the DA will be committing to a  
45 comprehensive body-worn camera program that embodies evidence-based and  
46 problem-solving approaches; and

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48 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its  
49 meeting of July 15, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-581 (vote 5-0);  
50 now, therefore,

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52 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
53 authorizes and approves the Office of the District Attorney to apply for Opportunity  
54 Number O-BJA-2021-131001 Federal grant funding to be used for the acquisition and  
55 maintenance of, and digital storage for, body-worn cameras for sworn Investigators and  
56 Process Investigators, and to accept any grant award that may result.

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