



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** December 9, 2020  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize **(1)** the application for and acceptance of the FY20 BJA - Body Worn Camera Program Grant (Federal/State Award ID. No. 2020-BC-BX-0006, CFDA No. 16.835) in the amount of \$499,820.00 from the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice for the purchase of 500 additional Body Worn Cameras for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$499,820.00 in the FY20 BJA - Body Worn Camera Program Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$499,820.00 in the FY20 BJA - Body Worn Camera Program Fund; **(4)** a required local match in the amount of \$499,820.00 from the Confiscated Monies Federal Fund; **(5)** an increase appropriations in an amount of \$2,634,621.00 in Confiscated Monies-Federal Fund; and **(6)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Total not to exceed \$999,640.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Justice Grant Funds (\$499,820.00) and Confiscated Monies-Federal Fund (\$499,820.00) (subject to appropriations)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Dallas Police Department (DPD) applied for funding to purchase 500 additional Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) to expand upon the current BWC Program by issuing BWC to front-line, uniformed officers, majority patrol, who are in uniform and interacting with citizens daily. The acceptance of the grant provides funding to the DPD to allow expansion of 500 BWC, taking the department from 1500 to 2000. DPD will be required to meet a local match of \$499,820.00. In addition to this match, the amount of \$2,134,801.00 in appropriations is needed to complete the FY21 BWC Program.

Additional, BWC can be used to support evidentiary effectiveness, enhance officer safety, and promote transparency and accountability within DPD. The BWC are designed to address community policing and crime prevention by providing an additional layer of transparency and documentation for the department. The use of a BWC provides a clearer picture of events, corroborates an incident or a proceeding, and helps the officer in cases of false accusation.

Thus, the footage recorded by this device constitutes critically important evidence. A police officer will use these cameras to collect evidence for court trials, prosecutions, and further help support evidence collection and processing.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

This item has no prior action.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
U.S. Department of Justice Grant Funds	\$378,320.00	\$121,500.00	\$0.00
Confiscated Monies-Federal Fund	\$378,320.00	\$121,500.00	\$0.00
Total	\$756,640.00	\$243,000.00	\$0.00