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City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	Item Type:		1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
8/4/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ordinance Reading	N/A	N/A
		Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Advertising Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Quasi-Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
File No.:				
21-241				
Fiscal Impact (\$):	Account Balance (\$):	Funding Source:	Project Number:	
\$49,500	\$83,702	Federal Equitable Sharing Funds	N/A	
Contract/P.O. Required		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	Chief of Police Sonia Quinones	Police
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance & Budget		<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Capacity		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/Projects
Implementation Timeline:				
Estimated Start Date: 6/16/2021 Estimated End Date: 9/30/2022				

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF DEPLOY GUNSHOT DETECTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY SHOTSPOTTER INC. UTILIZING EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS THROUGH BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN ESTIMATED COST OF FORTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$49,500); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURCHASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks approval to accept and deploy gunshot detection services provided by ShotSpotter Inc., to be purchased by the Broward Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$49,500 and utilizing Equitable Sharing Funds. The agreement with BSO is contingent upon the approval of the City of Hallandale Beach City Commission (Exhibit #2).

Background:

In July 2018, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Treasury changed the rules for the sharing of forfeiture proceeds awarded to local law enforcement agencies participating in federal law enforcement investigations. Prior to these rule changes, when a BSO-administered task force assisted in federal investigations that resulted in a seizure of funds, BSO would apply for a share of the seized funds on behalf of all participating agency task force members. When the funds were awarded, BSO transferred a proportional share of this award to the task force members. Following the changes to the federal sharing rules, local law enforcement agencies, like BSO, were prohibited from sharing any funds awarded through the federal equitable sharing process with other law enforcement agencies. Additionally, these rules were applied retroactively to pending sharing awards. As a result, BSO was prohibited from sharing funds received after July 2018 with its task force partners as it had done in the past.

The BSO has offered to allow city task force partners to receive the benefit of the funds that were intended to be shared prior to the federal rules changes. Under this proposal, the BSO will purchase approved law enforcement equipment with federal sharing dollars, and deploy this equipment within a task force participant city for a specified period of time.

In 2020, the City of Hallandale Beach experienced an increase in incidents of violent crime. There were nine (9) homicides and close to fifty (50) shooting incidents. As a result, the Hallandale Beach Police Department (HBPD) is in the process of deploying numerous initiatives to include the hiring of an additional crime analyst, purchasing crime intelligence and data software, fully staffing the Strategic Intelligence Unit and Investigative Services Division, installing License Plate Reader Technology throughout the City, and developing an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) also known as Drone Unit.

Current Situation:

The HBPD seeks to procure gunshot detection services to expeditiously alert officers to gunshots within a coverage area. The system alerts officers on their laptops and/or cellphones as well as over police radio through the BSO dispatch. ShotSpotter Inc. detects and accurately locates within 25 meters of the actual gunshot location 90% of unsuppressed, outdoor gunshots and alerts police in less than 60 seconds.

The ShotSpotter real-time Incident Review Center (IRC) reviews at least 90% of all gunfire incidents within 60 seconds. This human review is intended to confirm or change the machine classification of the incident type, and, depending on the reviewer's confidence level that the incident is or may be gunfire, and not other gunfire like noises such as construction.

This gunshot detection service will enable HBPD to more rapidly and precisely respond to incidents of gunfire, improve evidence recovery, and proactively impact gun violence. The system will aid detectives by providing more evidence and insight into an incident of crime and provide

vital information regarding criminal activity within an area of concern. Finally, the system will also aid supervisors better deploy their resources and develop strategies to combat violent crime.

Why Action is Necessary:

Due to changes in the Federal Equitable Sharing Guidelines, limits have been placed on the disbursement of Equitable Sharing Funds, as such the gunshot detection system must be purchased through the BSO (Exhibit #3). In May, the Broward County Commission voted to approve the expenditure of the ShotSpotter gunshot detection services from the Equitable Sharing Funds held on account by BSO for the City of Hallandale Beach.

Cost Benefit:

The ShotSpotter gunshot detection service will aid the HBPD better manage its resources and provide invaluable information regarding gunfire activity within the coverage area.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff seeks approval to accept and deploy gunshot detection services provided by BSO through ShotSpotter Inc. at a cost of \$49,500.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Hallandale Beach BSO - ShotSpotter Inc. Agreement

Exhibit 3 – BSO Letter to City of Hallandale beach – Federal Equitable Sharing Funds

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