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GRANT SUBMISSIONS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grants are very difficult to win, and the competition is great. Having the ability to apply for multiple grants increases the chances of winning some. All grants applied for have an underlying support of the strategic plan which has the ultimate goals of person focused, crime reduction, and repeat crime reduction. Different entities have opportunities which support equipment and technology, supplement of salaries for objectives, training supplementation, increased partnerships with stakeholders in the community and ultimately making Alliance rated the safest city in the state of Nebraska. The police department has the goal of supplementing the annual operating budget with about \$2 million from grants on our current projects. Since 2021 the police department has secured over \$1 million in grant funds. Many of the aspects we currently perform could receive supplemental funding reducing our overall impact to the general fund making funds available for other needed resources in the community.

Many groups also apply for these grants and when awarded, they seek sub-awardees like the recent Rural Policing grant we received for \$150,000. Many times, these grant applications are time sensitive and close within a period of days making it difficult to bring before council. The police department in the best interest of council's time is seeking the ability to apply for grants and only bring grants before council if they are won giving council the opportunity to accept or decline without numerous presentations on grants which may never be awarded. Some federal grants take time and research to see whether they are in line with the strategic plan to include attending webinars and meetings. This makes it difficult to provide a conclusive list of available grants because often it requires meeting with someone from that entity to explain examples of what they are looking for. Other times it requires a conference attendance. The meetings are valuable and have already resulted in two grant awards, but we may not know a grant is a good fit until last minute. For this purpose, the police department would like the discretion to apply for federal grants as needed on the condition that council has final say on acceptance. The next six months have the most grant announcements which are announced daily. This season is valuable to capitalize on available funds and budget planning for the 2024 fiscal year. The following are a list of grants that we know of this does not include subaward groups which we would like the discretion to submit to as well when they are identified.

Nebraska Crime Commission - State of Nebraska

Name	Purpose	Amount	Match Requirement
Victims of Crime Act	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$6,800,000	20%
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (We received \$50,000 for two years for CIT in 2021 and 2022)	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$980,000	0%
STOP Violence Against Women Act	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$282,670	25%
Sexual Assault Services Program Grant	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$600,000	0%

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Office of Justice, BJA, BJS, NIJ, VOC, OJJDP, COPS

Name	Purpose	Amount	Match Requirement
Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$1,600,000	0%
Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$150,000	0%
Second Chance Act	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$1,000,000	0%
Project Safe Neighborhoods	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	\$215,000	0%
VOC – We know they are coming and will fit well with what we do.	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	?	?
COPS- We know this grant is coming and can supplement more salaries	Equipment, personnel, and partnerships reducing victims and crime rate.	?	?

RECOMMENDATION: AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANTS.