Memorandum

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Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety

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TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Tim Gately	Captain

TITLE:

Police Department One-Time Monies to Offset Costs Related to Criminal Justice Legislation (SB 5092)

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

This is for information only. A budget adjustment may be brought forward from Finance at a later date. As a result of the 2021-2023, State of Washington operating budget, the City of Redmond received approximately $281,000 in one-time general funding to offset the costs of criminal justice-related legislation enacted between January 1, 2020, and June 20, 2021. The Police Department has identified less lethal equipment and training options to ensure compliance with appropriate police de-escalation techniques to include Taser upgrades, Bola Wrap, and Virtual Reality training systems.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**   ☐ **Provide Direction**   ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
  N/A
- **Required:**
  N/A
- **Council Request:**
  N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
  N/A

OUTCOMES:

The police department wants to ensure the safety of the community and staff when responding to critical incidents requiring appropriate de-escalation techniques while providing the most current and functional training and equipment. The department anticipates allocating these funds as follows:

- BolaWrap: The Wrap can safely & humanely restrain resisting subjects from a distance without relying on pain compliance and while keeping all involved safe. When used to control subjects in a mental or drug-impaired crisis, this tool enables officers to keep the community safe and get people the help they need without causing injury. Link to BolaWrap website <https://wrap.com/bolawrap/>. ($7,000)

- Virtual Reality (VR): Axon VR Training provides comprehensive real-world training paired with Taser and other weapons systems to ensure training, coaching, and development for critical incidents. Empathy insights, critical thinking, analytical, and de-escalation skills training are provided. Officer preparedness and tools to identify and address the psychological impacts of the public safety profession are addressed. Link to Axon VR Training website <https://www.axon.com/training/vr>. ($83,000)

- Taser 7 upgrades: Upgrading to Axon Taser 7 provides for the must current platform, integrates with use/training records, and integrates with the Virtual Reality training system. Link to Taser 7 website <https://www.axon.com/products/taser-7>. ($191,000)

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
  N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
  N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
  N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
$281,000

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:
Was not included in adopted budget.

Budget Priority:
Safe & Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐ **N/A**
If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):

State of Washington Operating Budget, SB 5092 (2021-2023 Operating Budget, Section 739, page 507).

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Distributed in July 2021 must be used to offset costs generated by law enforcement and criminal justice-related legislation enacted between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. Finance may bring forward a budget adjustment for the revenue and expense in 2022.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A