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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Police was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase one Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck (BearCat) for use by SWAT. Currently, the Division owns one such armored personnel carrier vehicle and relies on the County for a second to respond to situations in which coverage is needed in multiple locations. The total cost of this vehicle is \$208,172.00, the payment of which will be issued by Franklin County, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Programs. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement via Ordinance 1917-2005 to enable this type of purchase.

This legislation will authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the purchase of this vehicle.

Bid Information: The Division of Police was approved for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a BearCat armored vehicle. No bid was processed, as the City is able to purchase this vehicle via the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO).

This specialized equipment is unique and is offered through the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Support Office. All equipment that is funded through US Homeland Security grants must be approved by the United States Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness to be eligible for funding.

State of Ohio LESO ~ 316402047-225 (no expiration)

Emergency Designation: This legislation is to be declared an emergency measure so the manufacturer has enough build out time to produce the vehicle prior to the end of the grant deadline, which is March 30, 2013.

To authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary and to issue a purchase order for a Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck (BearCat) to Lenco Industries Inc. through the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) utilizing Homeland Security Grant funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police needs to acquire a BearCat armored vehicle for use in SWAT and other emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Police has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase said vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition is being made through the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Support Office; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of said vehicle prior to the expiration of the grant period, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute those documents necessary to purchase a BearCat armored vehicle on behalf of the Division of Police via the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Support Office for such vehicles.

SECTION 2. That the grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security are being administered via Franklin County in the amount of \$208,172.00.

SECTION 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.