

Memorandum



DATE: April 15, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Application for Criminal Justice Division – Grant Funds

The Dallas Police Department is seeking to authorize a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to provide funds to the Family Violence Unit to purchase cameras for the unit and for patrol. The application will be for \$20,415. The Dallas Police Department will not be required to match any funds and there is no cost consideration to the City of Dallas.

The Dallas Police Department Family Violence Unit utilizes Family Violence Packets that are completed by patrol officers when they respond to a domestic disturbance call. In addition to statements made by victims, witnesses, and officers at the scene, the packet includes photographs of the victim's injuries and the crime scene. These photos are then used to file a criminal case and prosecute the offender. Currently there are no funds to purchase new cameras to replace the outdated cameras needed for this purpose. This money would be used to make the necessary purchases to replace the old and damaged cameras.

I recommend the members of the Public Safety Committee support the participation in this Grant application and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval when presented on May 25, 2011.



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