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Criminal Justice Commission Members,

I am writing to request a modification to the ORT Grant funding awarded to the Springfield Police Department last year. Specifically, we are seeking approval to reallocate \$93,600 from several approved line items to fund a new line item titled *LPR Camera Contract*. This adjustment will cover the first-year contractual cost of implementing a License Plate Recognition (LPR) camera system within Springfield.

### **Justification for the Modification**

Since the grant's inception, the Springfield Police Department has consistently operated at a high standard in combating organized retail theft. Our efforts have resulted in multiple successful operations, recovering over \$50,000 in stolen retail products not including over \$200,000 in recovered Lego products while taking down a prolific fencing operation that had been impacting local retailers for years. Several of these cases garnered significant media attention, providing recognition to SPD as well as the Criminal Justice Commission, underscoring the validity and impact of this grant program.

As part of our ongoing commitment to this mission, we believe implementing an LPR camera system will significantly enhance our ability to prevent and investigate organized retail theft.

The Eugene Police Department, a neighboring agency with which we collaborate daily, was awarded funding through this same grant to install a robust network of LPR cameras. Given the metropolitan nature of our jurisdictions—separated only by Interstate 5—integrating LPR technology in Springfield would create a seamless and comprehensive tool to:

1. **Enhance Regional Collaboration:** Expanding LPR coverage across both cities will strengthen data sharing and improve investigative outcomes.
2. **Maximize Investigative Tools:** LPR systems are proven to facilitate real-time apprehensions and support complex investigations into retail theft networks.
3. **Optimize Grant Utilization:** By reallocating unspent funds from existing line items, we can implement this impactful solution without exceeding the grant's total award amount.

This request aligns directly with the grant's purpose to combat organized retail theft and builds on the proven success and regional strategy demonstrated by the Springfield Police Department and Eugene Police Department.

We are requesting approval to the following approved line items to fund this modification:

**Category: Contractual Services**

1. Verizon Cell Phone- Awarded Amount: \$780.00
  - a. Due to a lower cost through our existing Verizon contract, the monthly cost is \$40.00/month, so we request this be changed to \$480.00 and the remaining \$300.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
2. Verizon Cell Phone- Awarded Amount: \$780.00
  - a. Due to a lower cost through our existing Verizon contract, the monthly cost is \$40.00/month, so we request this be changed to \$480.00 and the remaining \$300.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
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  - a. Due to a lower cost through our existing Verizon contract, the monthly cost is \$40.00/month, so we request this be changed to \$480.00 and the remaining \$300.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
4. Verizon SIM Card for Remote Surveillance- Awarded Amount: \$780.00
  - a. Due to a lower cost through our existing Verizon contract, the monthly cost is \$40.00/month, and with ordering of this product taking longer than anticipated, we request this be changed to \$240.00 and the remaining \$540.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
5. Verizon SIM Card for Remote Surveillance- Awarded Amount: \$780.00
  - a. Due to a lower cost through our existing Verizon contract, the monthly cost is \$40.00/month, and with ordering of this product taking longer than anticipated, we request this be changed to \$240.00 and the remaining \$540.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
6. Verizon SIM Card for Remote Surveillance- Awarded Amount: \$780.00
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7. Verizon SIM Card for Remote Surveillance- Awarded Amount: \$780.00
  - a. Due to changing needs and implementation timelines, we have decided to only order a single pole camera and will not require this Sim card for operation, so we request this be changed to \$0.00 and the remaining \$780.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***

Total moved from Contractual Line Items to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract:*** \$3,300.00

**Category: Equipment**

1. Motorola APX8000 Radios- Awarded Amount: \$68,000.00 (previously adjusted to \$67,550.00 during Q0/Q1 Reporting)
  - a. Based on operational use during retail blitzes, our anticipated need to have additional radios for team members has not been as prevalent as initially expected. We request that this item be changed to \$9,896 for

the purchase of one APX8000 radio and the remaining \$57,654 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***

2. Cellebrite Premium License & Dongle- Awarded Amount: \$26,000.00
  - a. Due to personnel able to operate the Cellebrite software, we have decided to forgo purchasing a second physical dongle for the program. We request that this item be changed to \$17,800.00 and the remaining \$8,200 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
3. Obsidian Whip Scorpion Covert Cartop Carrier- Awarded Amount: \$28,695.00
  - a. Due to our department's existing use of surveillance products provided by an alternate vendor, we are requesting a modification of this line item to reflect the purchase of a nearly identical alternative cartop carrier surveillance system at a lower cost. We request that this item be changed to \$18,960 to purchase an SVCI Skybox Surveillance System and the remaining \$9,735.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
4. Obsidian Scorpious Drop Camera System- Awarded Amount: \$12,695.00
  - a. Due to our department's existing use of surveillance products provided by an alternate vendor, we are requesting a modification of this line item to reflect the purchase of a nearly identical alternative drop camera surveillance system at a lower cost. We request that this item be changed to \$8,410.00 to purchase an SVCI Upgrade Drop Surveillance System and the remaining \$4,285.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***
5. Obsidian Brown Recluse Turnkey Pole Camera- Awarded Amount: \$14,290.00
  - a. Due to our department's existing use of surveillance products provided by an alternate vendor, we are requesting a modification of this line item to reflect the purchase of a nearly identical alternative pole camera surveillance system at a lower cost. We request that this item be changed to \$10,510.00 to purchase an SVCI 5G Node Concealment Surveillance System and the remaining \$3,780.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***

Total moved from Equipment Line Items to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract:*** \$83,654.00

#### **Category: Supplies**

1. iPhone 14 Plus (3)- Awarded Amount: \$2,400.00
  - a. Due to our existing Verizon contract, iPhones for use by dispatchers and other team members without assigned department cell phones were provided at no cost with monthly contracts, so we request that this item be changed to \$0 and the remaining \$2,400.00 be moved to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract.***

Total moved from Supplies Line Items to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract:*** \$2,400.00

**Category: Training/Associated Travel**

2. Cellebrite Reader Training- Awarded Amount: \$3,760.00
  - a. Due to our purchase of Cellebrite Premium software using grant funding, Cellebrite now offers the Reader Training for free to all interested users under the contract, so we request that this item be changed to \$0 and the remaining \$3,760 be moved to ***Contractual-LPR Camera Contract.***
3. McAfee Certified ORC Investigator- Awarded Amount: \$3,976.00
  - a. Due to a price increase of this training between the submission of our grant proposal and the eventual registration, we were able to enroll 5 team members instead of all 8, so we request that this item be changed to \$3,490.00 and the remaining \$486.00 be moved to ***Contractual-LPR Camera Contract.***

Total moved from Training Line Items to ***Contractual- LPR Camera Contract:*** \$4,246.00

We kindly request the Criminal Justice Commission's approval for this modification to further amplify the grant's impact in our community. Please let us know if additional documentation or clarification is required to facilitate this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are proud to continue serving as stewards of this important program.

Sincerely,



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