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MEMORANDUM 07-124

DATE: Aug. 3rd 2007
TO: Walt Wrede, City Manager
FROM: Mark Robl, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Grant Award

W. Wrede

We have been awarded a grant to purchase a new automated fingerprint system. This grant award is for the full amount of the purchase price and it includes installation and training. No matching funds are required. This grant award is a new award but it is based on left over funds from the FY 2005 federal grant program that were not expended. Because of the nature of this grant award we are required to spend these funds quickly to meet the FY 2005 expenditure date dead lines. I request that we obtain council permission to accept this grant award and authorization for a sole source purchase to Crossmatch Technologies, Inc.

This fingerprint system is a live scan system that instantly records fingerprints in a digital format and can transmit them directly into the national data base for immediate suspect identification and wants/warrants checks. Prints can also be transmitted to the crime lab for comparisons. This is a huge step beyond the existing inked card methods. Currently, suspects that try to conceal their identity are sometimes released from custody because accurate identification can not be made within court mandated timelines. Live scan fingerprinting will aid in crime solving and it will eliminate the possibility that a person with illegal alien status, outstanding warrants or substantial criminal history is inappropriately released from custody.

Crossmatch Technologies has worked with the state department of corrections to develop a live scan system, the LSCAN 1000P, which is compatible with existing equipment in use by Alaskan corrections agencies and the Alaska Public Safety Information Network. It is the only system proven to work well in Alaska and interface properly. It is currently in use at other locations in Alaska with success.

Fiscal note: Revenue 157-739-4520
Expenditure 157-739-5901