



In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Berlin Police Commission to apply for and accept Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) in grant funds from the NH Department of Safety under the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program - LETPA Night Vision and appropriating said funds to the Police Department for the purpose of the grant.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:

WHEREAS Coos County encompasses 1,794 square miles, is comprised of many small towns and communities, has a population of approximately 32,000 people, and is home to several critical infrastructures, e.g., schools, prison(s), and hospital.

WHEREAS; night vision technology enhances screening, search, detection, threat assessment, and discontinuation of threat capabilities, which is essential in preventing threatened or actual acts of terrorism.

WHEREAS; night vision would provide the department with the ability to actively and passively surveil and search a scene or incident in all conditions, which without this technology is not possible; and

WHEREAS; the departments capability to perform the above necessary tasks, specifically, the important tasks of navigation, surveillance, observation, and the identification of threat and not-threat subjects in low light conditions they are required to operate in routinely; and

WHERAS the department is called upon to enter areas of danger; and

WHEREAS night vision equipment is designed to assist in all of the aforementioned situations as well as; and

WHEREAS said equipment would render the department safely and effectively mission ready and better equipped to assisting their partner communities and the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS use of such specialized equipment increases the ability of the department to safely resolve situations without injury or loss of life and will enhance agency inter-operability, especially in response to a large-scale event or disaster; and

WHEREAS: night vision will help mitigate risk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH, that the Berlin Police Commission is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the NH Department of Safety for the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program -LETPA Night Vision for the purchase of night vision equipment; further that \$37,500.00 be appropriated to the Berlin Police Department FY 2022 Budget for the purpose of effectuating said grant and the City Manager is authorized to sign the grant documents and execute all things necessary to effectuate the grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED:

April 5, 2021

April 5, 2021

ATTEST:

Shelli Fortin, City Clerk