

ARPA Proposal Form

IT Infrastructure for Mandated Police Body and Car Cameras

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Description of project:

This project results from a government mandate contained within House Bill #6004 of the Connecticut General Assembly, AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY, enacted by the legislature during a special session in July of 2020. The bill mandates that police officers must wear body cameras and use dashboard cameras in their vehicles in the performance of their duties. This requirement must be implemented by July 1, 2022 in order for the Chester constables to operate as police officers. Additionally, the mandate imposes a fine of \$100 per day that the camera systems are not operational and in use.

Due to delays in acting on this mandate and the increasing lead times for procurement of these cameras, the Chester Board of Selectmen declared an emergency in a letter dated February 17, 2022. Sole-sourced procurement was authorized by the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. Even with procurement initiated in early March, supply chain issues and high demand will make it difficult to meet the July 1, 2022 deadline.

The supporting information technology infrastructure, as specified by the camera supplier TELREPCO, has been interpreted and quoted by Connecticut Computer Services, Inc. (CTCOMP) in a document dated 02/11/22, # 025516. In a discussion with Tom Riggio from CTCOMP on 03/09/22, the BoS and BoF reviewed the Information Technology requirements of the project as well as the procurement and installation lead times associated with the components and system integration. It was discovered that many of these lead times exceed the time available to meet the mandated implementation deadline of 07/01/22. In a letter dated March 17, 2022, the Board of Selectmen extended the emergency declaration to the items covered by this proposal. It was also apparent that integration of these new systems with the installed base of computer systems in Chester, managed under contract with CTCOMP,

presents many challenges that would be exacerbated by a third party vendor. Based on these observations this proposal is using the CTCOMP quote as the basis for a not to exceed amount. This proposal is intended to establish the level of ARPA-SLFRF funding to be made available to implement the project. If approved by the Chester ARPA Committee, it will then be forwarded to the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen for approval to send to a town meeting for vote. If the proposal is approved at the town meeting procurement will commence with accounting required for funding with ARPA-SLFRF funds.

It is noted that several towns in our state will use ARPA-SLFRF funds for this same purpose.

ARPA funds requested (\$): Not to exceed \$83,000

The requested amount breaks down as follows:

Networking and Power -	\$8,797.04
Application Server and Storage -	\$22,762.00
On-Premise Backup -	\$17620.00
Redaction (required editing) -	\$5,662.00
PC on Town Domain -	\$1,667.00
Software -	\$7,764.00
Services Estimate -	\$16,380.00
Software, Management, Support & Offsite Backup (Monthly)	\$824.00
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Total -	\$81,476.04

The not to exceed amount of \$83,000.00 allows for some change prior to execution of an agreement.

Who would most benefit from the project if approved:

The Chester police force and the entire Chester Community would benefit from the implementation of police body and dashboard cameras per the Police Accountability Act. Failure to implement the system will prevent Chester constables from performing as officers and will result in a fine to the town of \$100 per day.

Positive impact of project to the Chester community:

Implementing the project will permit the Chester police force, including resident trooper and constables, to provide the current level of law enforcement protection to the community with improved accountability and protection.
