

Grant Award Summary

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FY2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant

Grant Type: New Grant

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Grant Period: December 29, 2022 - December 31, 2024

Award Amount: \$6,000,000 (\$6,000,000 from Grantor, \$0 from city)

Match Required: None

Allocation Purpose: The FY2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) grant is the result of 2022 Congressionally directed spending that allocated \$6M to the City of Milwaukee Public Safety Radio Upgrade project. Grant funds will be used to partially fund radio site upgrades at up to 10 locations, and up to 100 units each of in-squad and hand held radios.

Program Goal: The goal of the public safety radio upgrade project is to replace the City of Milwaukee's current obsolete radio system and upgrade to an industry P25 Phase II standard communication system.

Program Summary:

A P25 Phase II public safety radio system will offer a comprehensive solution for effective and efficient intra- and inter-agency communication including improved interoperability, enhanced voice clarity, increased capacity and efficiency, enhanced security, and improved incident management and situational awareness. The public safety radio system is used by the MPD, Milwaukee Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Port of Milwaukee, and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee. The public safety radio system will provide effective and efficient communications among and between multiple city departments and external first responder agencies. Increased interoperability will result in better coordination to respond to and address crime and improve public safety.