Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2024

Program	**Public Safety**	***Title of New Request:***	***Rank:*** 1
Department	Police	Body Worn Cameras	
Request Category	**New Request/Service/Feature**		
Request Rating	**Urgent**		
Department Goal			

1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer

Law enforcement use of body worn, and in-car cameras systems are demanded by society and are essential in transparency and establishing and maintaining trust. Additionally, the collection of outside digital evidence is exponentially increasing year after year. Therefore, a new system which reliably collects, categorizes, and retains law enforcement and outside digital evidence is necessary.

Furthermore, our current systems rely on extensive human interaction which makes them ripe for error. Errors in this type of system can be catastrophic and could jeopardize criminal prosecution and expose the city to liability and loss of reputation. A new system will automatically locate cameras related to an incident and categories and retain them for dissemination. This autmation results in less room for error and more effective use of employee time. It will save officers and support staff time when marking video and preparing video for prosecution and discovery.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

Currently the MPD relies upon two outdated video systems which receive poor, if any support, are subject to frequent failures, lack current capabilities, are highly human resource dependent, and result in ever increasing digital storage costs. The MPD has experienced system failures during serious incidents, resulting in a lack of video evidence of serious assaults on peace officers and uses of force. The companies can offer no answer for the failures and are unable to retrieve any evidence about those incidents. Almost daily, MPD officers have body worn cameras which stop recording during their shift because the battery life is insufficient to last through the entire shift. The cost to replace batteries may improve, but will not eliminate, the issue of body worn cameras dying during a shift. Moreover, the companies we currently use are unresponsive about pricing options for battery replacement and the concept of investing in a legacy system is not good stewardship of public funds. Modern camera systems advertise battery life in excess of our scheduled patrol shifts. Our current system requires the constant purchase of server space to store the evidence. The City of Missoula IT Department supports the upgrade to a new cloud-based system and their managements system which would include unlimited cloud based and redundant storage of all of our digital evidence, including evidence contributed to the MPD from the community. This outside evidence can be seamlessly submitted by citizens, providing a more convenient way for the community to work with the police to investigate and prosecute crime and increase the livability of Missoula.

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qnty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2024 Unfunded	FY 2024 Funded	Proposed FY 2025 Ongoing
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			Expense Sub-Total	**—**	**116,629**	**116,629**	**—**	**—**

Revenue Offset:

Account #		Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000	T	Tax funded	-	116,629
		Revenue Sub-Total	-	**116,629**

4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?

Requested/Proposed Funding Source

	One-time	Ongoing
Tax or Assessment	-	**116,629**
Non-tax	-	-
Fund Balance	-	-
Total	-	**116,629**