



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-1109

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: November 19, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for a Proprietary Purchase for the Existing and Expansion of Gunshot Detection, Location, and Forensic Analysis Service - SoundThinking, Inc. - \$1,453,350 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for a proprietary purchase for the Existing and Expansion of Gunshot Detection, Location, and Forensic Analysis Service, from SoundThinking, Inc., for an initial three-year term in the amount of \$1,453,350; and authorize the City Manager to approve two (2) additional one-year renewal options, in the estimated annual amount of \$500,760 for the first renewal and \$507,750 for the second renewal, for a potential total contract amount of \$2,461,860, contingent on the appropriation of funds.

Background

On July 7, 2020, the City Commission approved an agreement for gunshot detection, location, and forensic analysis service from ShotSpotter, Inc. (CAM #20-0475). Since the execution of the agreement with ShotSpotter, Inc., they have amended their corporation's name to SoundThinking, Inc. while keeping the name of their proprietary software and service as ShotSpotter.

The ShotSpotter service is a detection and investigative tool that provides real-time gunfire intelligence to assist the Department in its efforts to more effectively respond to and investigate gunfire incidents. ShotSpotter technology has a multi-faceted approach to reducing gun violence in communities by detecting and locating gunfire through sensors which provide a quick and precise response to over 90 percent of shooting incidents in a targeted area. This results in a deterrent effect and disrupts the gun violence cycle. Further, ShotSpotter helps protect officers by providing comprehensive tracking data of incidents in the community as well as critical intelligence in near real-time when responding to specific incidents.

ShotSpotter increases the amount of gunfire intelligence a law enforcement agency

receives while also increasing response time and improving accuracy of the gunfire intelligence. In 2023, there were 1,660 casings and 25 guns recovered in the current ShotSpotter coverage area, resulting in 9 arrests. This demonstrates the program's effectiveness in providing real time alerts to gunfire incidents, ultimately contributing to the Department's strategy to reduce violent crime and provide a safer environment.

Thus far the ShotSpotter program has yielded successful results and, as such, the Department is requesting to continue the existing service for the current coverage area of 4.66 square miles and expand the program's coverage by an additional 2.11 square miles, resulting in a total coverage area of 6.77 square miles across Fort Lauderdale.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(f)(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the City may purchase proprietary items, as defined in Section 2-173, without competitive solicitation. As defined by the Code, a proprietary item is not readily available from more than one supplier, manufacturer, or person and is unique in nature without competitive solicitation.

Resource Impact

There is a FY 2025 fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$484,450. Funding for the future fiscal years is contingent upon the appropriation of funds.

<i>Funds available as of November 12, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-30-3299-21GCGIC	FY 2021 Crime Gun Intelligence Integration Center	Other Services	\$466,263	\$321,112	\$150,000
10-001-5060-521-30-3299	Investigative Services Admin Support	Other Services	\$477,100	\$469,100	\$334,450
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$484,450

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – CAM #24-0475

Exhibit 2 – Agreement

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