



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#20-0475**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 7, 2020

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Contract for Proprietary Purchase and Utilization of  
Department of Justice Trust Fund for Gunshot Detection, Location and  
Forensic Analysis Service – ShotSpotter, Inc. - \$595,000 - **(Commission  
Districts 2 and 3)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a three-year contract, in substantially the form attached, for the proprietary purchase of gunshot detection, location and forensic analysis service from ShotSpotter, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$595,000.

**Background**

ShotSpotter is a detection and investigative tool that provides real-time gunfire intelligence to assist the Department in its efforts to more effectively respond and investigate gunfire incidents. In addition, this tool will be part of a comprehensive plan to reduce gun violence in our community. ShotSpotter technology has a multi-faceted approach to reducing gun violence in communities. ShotSpotter detects and locates gunfire through detection devices which provide a quick, 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 also provides police departments the unique opportunity to rapidly respond to gun violence in the community that is often unreported. This often involves communities most impacted by gun violence, and law enforcement's response results in building more positive attitudes towards law enforcement and constructive engagement.

ShotSpotter also increases the amount of gunfire intelligence a law enforcement agency receives while at the same time decreasing response time and improving accuracy of the gunfire intelligence.

ShotSpotter's technology provides critical advantages in the police department's efforts to reduce and prevent gun violence in the following ways:

- Officers can more quickly and accurately respond to reports of shootings.
- Officers have a better chance of arriving before the shooter has left the scene.
- Officers are more likely to recover critical evidence such as shell casings and/or contact witnesses/victims.
- Community engagement is potentially heightened which translates into more active intelligence and aids in investigations.
- Targeted enforcement is enhanced through the accuracy of the technology.
- Additional court admissible and forensically sound evidence is available to strengthen prosecutions of the worst offenders.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(f)(3), 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.

On June 18, 2020, the Procurement Services Division released a Notice of Intent to Award a Proprietary Purchase No. 12418-507 and received one response from Eagl Technology. EAGL's product does not meet certain specifications including audio recording of the gunfire and staffing an Incident Review Center that assists with detecting and verifying gunfire. Therefore, it was determined the product proposed does not meet the required criteria.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$595,000. The initial annual fee in the amount of \$205,000 will be funded from the Department of Justice Trust Fund. This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 20-0092 and Commission approval of a 2021 Budget Decision Package for the remaining two years.

<b><i>Funds available as of July 7, 2020</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>PURCHASE AMOUNT</b>
107-POL080301-3299	Justice Department Other	Other Services	NA	NA	\$205,000
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$205,000</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play* *Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Be a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

**Related CAM**

#20-0092

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - ShotSpotter Contract

Exhibit 2 - Chief's Certification

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