DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 23, 2020 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

To:    Mayor and City Council

From:  Daniel McCasky, Police Chief, 303-987-7102

Subject: AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF A PRE-CAST CONCRETE BALLISTIC WALL AT THE ROONEY VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITY (“RVLETF”)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On March 3, 2020, RVLETF submitted a grant funding request to the Peace Officers Standards and Training (“POST”) to assist with the cost of a pre-cast concrete ballistic wall which is necessary for the overall safety at the training facility. On June 25, 2020, POST approved RVLETF’s grant contract in the amount of $60,000. Per City Charter, City Council can make supplemental appropriations to the annual budget by ordinance. This memo requests City Council adopt the attached ordinance authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $60,000 for the grant contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1994, the City of Lakewood signed an intergovernmental agreement with Jefferson County, the City of Wheat Ridge, the City of Golden, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and Red Rocks Community College to establish RVLETF. The intergovernmental agreement names the City of Lakewood as RVLETF’s fiscal agent.

RVLETF is used for tactical and firearms training by Lakewood Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, Arvada Police Department, Wheat Ridge Police Department, Golden Police Department, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, two police training academies, and two multi-agency SWAT teams.

Due to limited funds, few improvements have been made to RVLETF’s infrastructure and it has reached the point that many major improvements are necessary in order to continue to serve the partnering agencies as the primary firearms training facility.

RVLETF sits next to the Thunder Valley Motocross Park. The $60,000 grant award will be used to assist with the cost of a pre-cast concrete ballistic wall, which will provide a necessary barrier between RVLETF and Thunder Valley Motocross Park. Without the wall, the range cannot safely be used when motocross spectators climb a hill nearby RVLETF to watch the racing. Presently when this occurs the range must be shut down, causing the ability to train personnel to be drastically impacted.

On March 3, 2020, RVLETF submitted a grant funding request to POST.

On June 25, 2020, POST approved RVLETF’s grant contract in the amount of $60,000 to assist with the cost of a pre-cast concrete ballistic wall at the training facility.
BUDGETARY IMPACTS:
Adopting this ordinance would authorize a supplemental appropriation to the 2020 annual budget in the amount of $60,000 to assist with the cost of a pre-cast concrete ballistic wall for the training facility.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends that the City of Lakewood adopt the proposed ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:
If City Council chooses not to adopt the proposed ordinance, the city will not be able to utilize the awarded grant dollars.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:
There has been no official public outreach on this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS:  Ordinance O-2020-28

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