

MUNICIPAL ORDER 21-2023

A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A FY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT THROUGH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$269,220.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A TACTICAL MULTIPURPOSE RESPONSE AND RESCUE VEHICLE, FOR WHICH NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) faces a number of significant threats to our residents and critical infrastructure. These threats, such as terrorism, natural disasters, violent crime and mass shootings require our first responders to be constantly prepared for any critical incidents that may occur in the area; and

WHEREAS, OPD sustains a highly trained Emergency Response Team (ERT) to respond to all incidents that exceed the capability of patrol within their jurisdiction, including terrorist attacks, hostage situations and mass shooting incidents; and

WHEREAS, in order for the ERT to effectively carry out their mission to protect the citizens and critical infrastructure of the region, they must have sufficient equipment to do the job; and

WHEREAS, OPD is requesting to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$269,220.00 through the State Homeland Security Grant that may be awarded by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, for which no match is required. The funds will be used to purchase a tactical multipurpose Response and Rescue Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Rescue and Response Vehicle will also increase our cooperative efforts with other area first responders, improving our ability to respond to terrorist attacks, natural disasters or other mass casualty events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute a grant application to be filed with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program for grant funds in the amount of \$269,220.00 to purchase a tactical multipurpose Response and Rescue Vehicle, for which no match is required from the City.

Section 2. That the Mayor, City Manager and appropriate staff members are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all other agreements, instruments, or documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate and implement any grants awarded to the City.

INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE READING, this the 2nd day of May, 2023.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk