



Agenda Item: 9.B  
Date of Meeting: February 10, 2025  
Department: Police

## STAFF REPORT

To: City Council  
From: Nate Derr  
Subject: **Handheld Radio Purchase**  
Prepared On: January 30, 2025  
Attachments: 49er communications quote  
Blackpoint LLC quote

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### Background/History:

The Bishop Police Department has submitted an application for \$50,000.00 from the Homeland Security grant, administered through Inyo County, to purchase state-of-the-art handheld radios. The Department was granted \$49,629.00. These funds will be used to replace the department's aging radio technology, ensuring more reliable communication for officers and improving overall operational efficiency. Bids were sought as per the City of Bishop purchasing policy. Only two vendors responded of the three contacted. Blackpoint LLC at \$48,830.08 and 49er Communications at \$53,808.68, Haloid Solutions never responded. It should be noted there are only limited radio dealers who can also program our radios and Blackpoint LLC holds the encryption key which is mandatory for our P25 compliance.

### Analysis/Discussion:

Radio communication is a critical component of law enforcement operations, serving as one of the foremost tools for ensuring officer safety and effective service to the community. It is essential that communication equipment remains up-to-date and fully functional to support officers in the field, enabling them to respond swiftly and effectively in dynamic situations. Upgrading to state-of-the-art handheld radios will enhance the safety, coordination, and efficiency of the Bishop Police Department, ultimately benefiting both our officers and the public we serve.

### Economic Impacts:

The purchase will be fully covered by a no match grant.

### Budget Impacts:

General Fund revenue account, 001-000-34141 PD Grants, increase of \$49,629.00.

General Fund expense account, 001-020-55043 Law Enforcement Grant, increase of

\$49,629.00.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that it complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Approve purchase of new state of the art handheld radios from Blackpoint LLC for the police department in an amount not to exceed \$49,629.00

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