

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/20/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.E. FIN: Arizona Department of Public Safety – FY 2026 Local Border Support Fund Grant Award
DATE PREPARED: 01/20/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
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DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council) Council to take action on Resolution No. 11-26 approving the Agreement Regarding Local Border Support between the City of Buckeye, an Arizona municipal corporation, and the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety, to support the acquisition of a fentanyl sensing quadruped robot; and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement on behalf of the City of Buckeye.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Buckeye's Police Department (BPD) seeks to enhance officer and public safety through the acquisition of the Robot, that is able to identify fentanyl and other forms of illicit substances, that may be hazardous. The Robot can also approach at-risk areas to perform a variety of high-risk tasks, including fentanyl identification, process serving, service of warrants, monitoring, video and audio surveillance activities, two-way communications, video feeds, etc. The Robot can climb stairs, traverse irregular surfaces, right itself when it tips over, open doors, and retrieve items. The grant award supports the acquisition of 1 fentanyl sensing, lifesaving robot to be available for use by the BPD.

BENEFITS:

The objective is to enhance the BPD's service to the community. The BPD's goal is to reduce fentanyl related crimes and remove fentanyl and other fatal drugs from the community, while keeping first responders safe. Over time, the BPD expects to see a reduction in overdose hospitalizations and deaths. The fentanyl sensing, quadruped Robot can identify unknown substances and increase the number of successful charges against suspects, which leads to a greater positive impact on the community. The Robot is also a safer hazardous substance detection strategy than utilizing a law enforcement K-9, as the exposure to these lethal substances is greatly reduced for both the K-9 and the K-9 handler.

FUTURE ACTION:

There will be no further acquisition costs or actions required for the purchase of this equipment. There will be possible maintenance costs associated with this equipment in the future, which will be funded from the BPD's General Fund account, unless additional grant funding opportunities become available, in which case the Grants team will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The grant portion is \$272,988.81, with no match required.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The total Fiscal Year 2026 cost is approximately \$400,000, with \$127,011.19 from the 2026 Fentanyl grant and \$272,988.81 from the Local Border Support grant, with no match for either grant.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

FY 2026

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Police / 35732121-523012

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 11-26 Approving the FY 2026 Local Border Support Grant.pdf](#)

[CAR Summary Recap - Local Border Support.pdf](#)

[2025-317_Buckeye_PD_FY26_LBS_Agreement \(smf 01.05.26\).pdf](#)