

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 10/07/25	AGENDA ITEM: 4.G. FIN - Fiscal Year 2025 Cybercrime Grant Application - Office on Violence Against Women
DATE PREPARED: 10/02/25	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 to ratify and approve the submission of a \$700,000 grant application to establish a cybercrime unit to combat, prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals. The grant funding will cover the cost of a full-time forensic analyst salary, benefits, supplies, and training, with a period of performance of three years, in the amount of \$700,000 with no City of Buckeye matching requirement, over a three-year period from the date of a fully executed grant agreement; and, further, to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to carry out the purpose and intent of the grant application.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye Police Department supports efforts by States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals with a focus on adult and young adult cybercrime victims. Cybercrimes against individuals are defined as criminal offenses that involve the use of a computer to harass, threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear to, or intimidate an individual without their consent to distribute intimate images of an adult, except that use of a computer need not be an element of the offense. This project will also protect and prosecute against human trafficking. The project will cover a full-time forensic analyst salary and benefits, supplies, and training.

BENEFITS:

A cybercrime unit can benefit the Buckeye Police Department as an effective means to combat cybercrimes committed against individuals in the community. The establishment of a dedicated Cybercrimes Unit will significantly enhance the City's ability to investigate, prevent, and respond to technology-related criminal activity. As community reliance on digital platforms grows, so does the risk of cybercrime. This strategic investment in public safety positions will help the city to safeguard its residents and protect its economic vitality. Cybercrimes often involve human trafficking. Buckeye intends to further combat human trafficking with the skills of a new forensic analyst supported by this grant.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Buckeye Police Department will hire a new forensic analyst and provide training to select officers to identify and protect victims of cybercrimes. The training is developed in collaboration with victim service providers. The Buckeye Police Department's goals are to reduce investigative case time, increase prosecution, and conduct community education campaigns regarding cybercrime, human trafficking, and domestic violence prevention. This community outreach and education will help build the community's trust in the Buckeye Police Department and encourage community members not to be apprehensive about contacting police when in need. Buckeye intends to further combat human trafficking with the skills of a new forensic analyst supported by this grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The maximum grant request amount is \$700,000.00 with no City of Buckeye match; although there is no required match, because the maximum grant amount is \$700,000 and the project is estimated to cost \$830,012.90, Buckeye will be responsible for the excess of \$130,012.90 over the grant funding. If awarded, once the grant funding is exhausted, Buckeye may continue the forensic analyst position or terminate the position.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

Nothing is expected to be expended in Fiscal Year 2026. If awarded, the total cost over three years is anticipated at \$830,012.90, with \$700,000 reimbursable through the grant budget.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027-2030

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Grant Organization Account 35732121/Police Department

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[FY25 Cybercrimes enforcement - Budget Worksheet and Narrative.xlsx](#)

[Grants.gov Submission Confirm 8.6.25.pdf](#)

[Cybercrime FY25 Proposal Narrative.pdf](#)