



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

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DATE: December 16, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY25 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for design and construction of a Real-Time Information Center; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY25 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grant program supports law enforcement efforts to reduce violent crime and strengthen police-community relations. This is achieved through a comprehensive approach that includes enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies, all grounded in sustained community partnerships and engagement.

The Denton Police Department is seeking CVIPI grant funding to design and construct a Real-Time Information Center (RTIC) within its substation. This initiative aims to enhance the department's ability to leverage emerging technologies for more efficient and effective public safety responses.

The RTIC will function as a centralized hub for real-time data collection, analysis, and dissemination, significantly improving situational awareness and operational coordination. It will integrate technologies such as surveillance systems, license plate readers, crime mapping tools, and communication platforms to provide actionable intelligence to field personnel. The funding request includes costs for architectural design, construction, technology infrastructure, and equipment procurement.

As the City of Denton experiences rapid population growth, the demand for public safety services continues to rise. This growth has coincided with an increase in complex incidents, including violent crime, mental health emergencies, and large-scale public events.

Currently, the Denton Police Department lacks a centralized capability to collect and analyze real-time intelligence during critical incidents. This limitation forces command staff and field supervisors to make decisions based on incomplete or outdated information, potentially leading to inefficient resource deployment, missed opportunities for de-escalation, and increased risks to both officers and the public. According to the National Institute of Justice's Criminal Justice Technology, Training, and Education Center (2023), jurisdictions with Real-Time Information Centers (RTICs) report significantly higher clearance rates for both property and violent crimes.

Like many departments nationwide, Denton faces challenges in police recruitment and staffing. To address these constraints, the department seeks to enhance operational efficiency through technology. Establishing an RTIC will allow the department to supplement personnel resources and improve its capacity to respond to public safety needs. However, without federal funding, the department lacks the financial resources necessary to implement this critical infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

If awarded, the project timeline will begin March 1, 2026, and end February 28, 2027.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The total requested grant funding for this project is \$1,000,000 and requires no local match.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

Exhibit 3 - Grant Proposal Narrative

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