



Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Request Form

Community Project Funding Requests

*****DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2023*****

The House Appropriations Committee announced that the Committee will accept requests for Community Project Funding (CPF) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This allows Members of Congress to request funding for specific projects in their districts in order to serve the public good. This process also ensures that taxpayers get a say in allocating funding that has a direct impact on their communities.

The House Appropriations Committee has placed new restrictions and guidelines on the CPF program and intends to fund community projects on a limited basis in the FY 24 appropriations bills. Each office will be allowed to submit a total of 15 CPF requests across all eligible accounts and those that address the most significant needs of the community are more likely to be included although there is no guarantee that all 15 CPF requests will be included in the FY 24 appropriations bills.

Only eligible CPF requests that meet all the guidelines established by the Committee will be accepted:

- You must be able to demonstrate that the request has community support. This requirement is integral for a successful CPF request, but it is flexible. Acceptable examples of community support include letters from elected officials, press articles, newspaper editorial board pieces, a state-intended use plan or community development plan, or a city council resolution.
- The project or requesting entity must have no financial ties to the Member or her family.
- Funding must be for FY 24 only.
- If the project would normally require a funding match or cost share by a non-federal entity, then the requesting entity will need to demonstrate that it can provide this match if it makes a CPF request. The Committee will conform to statutory match and cost-sharing requirements.
- The recipient of the CPF must be a governmental entity or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Requests made by for-profit entities are not permitted.

Please try to provide all information requested. Leaving blanks may lower your request's chance of success.

Email completed form to: FL23appropriations2@mail.house.gov by MARCH 17, 2023

Requesting Organization Information

Name of requesting organization or entity: **City of Coconut Creek**

Type of entity (local government, 501(c)(3)): **Local Government**

Address of organization: **4800 West Copans Road, Coconut Creek FL 33063**

Website: www.coconutcreek.net

Point of Contact for Request

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Project Information

Project name: **City of Coconut Creek Police Department Body Worn Cameras and Related Technologies**

Purpose of project: **This request will allow the City of Coconut Creek to purchase and implement a body worn camera program including related equipment and supporting technologies for the Police Department's Officer Safety Program.**

Postal address of project (or general location if not applicable): **4800 West Copans Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

Requested funding amount for FY 24: **\$1.2 million**

Subcommittee: **Commerce, Justice, Science**

Agency: **Department of Justice**

Account: **COPS Technology and Equipment**

How would this project benefit the public and why would it be a good use of taxpayer dollars? **As a part of the City of Coconut Creek's established Officer Safety Program, this request will allow the City to implement a comprehensive body-worn camera (BWC) program to include BWC equipment, related technologies, and policy. The program includes equipping each responding officer within the Police Department a BWC and supporting technologies. A BWC Program will directly benefit the public by increasing accountability and transparency, reducing complaints, assisting with resolving officer-involved incidents, helping identify and correct agency issues, and providing for increased evidence documentation (see attached Implementation Plan). Through**

BWCs, the Police Department will be able to decrease the amount of time, money, and personnel resources needed to address potential complaints, lawsuits, prosecution, and misconduct allegations. Since BWCs also may result in higher citizen compliance, officers also use their time, vehicles, equipment, and taxpayer resources more efficiently. Ultimately, placing BWCs on police officers is of great benefit to the community by improving the civility of police-citizen encounters and enhancing/ensuring citizen perceptions of police legitimacy. This request is aligned with the purposes of Section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District? This request should be considered a high priority for the people of Florida, Broward County, and Florida's 23rd District. At this time, the City of Coconut Creek is the only Broward County City in the 23rd District that has not implemented a BWC program. As well, The City of Coconut Creek's Police Department is one of three Broward County law enforcement agencies that has not yet deployed BWCs to its officers. The City has spent the last two years learning from its neighboring communities who have implemented these technologies and developed their own programs and policies to support the implementation of BWCs in the City's Officer Safety Program, and is ready to implement BWCs at this time.

In addition to the previously mentioned benefits of BWCs, according to the Department of Justice, the benefits of BWCs for the community and police are:

- 1) Better Transparency: BWCs may result in better transparency and accountability and thus may improve law enforcement legitimacy;
- 2) Increased Civility: BWCs may also result in higher rates of citizen compliance to officer commands during encounters and fewer complaints lodged against law enforcement;
- 3) Quicker Resolution: BWCs may lead to a faster resolution of citizen complaints and lawsuits that allege excessive use of force and other misconduct;
- 4) Corroborating Evidence: Footage captured may also be used as evidence in arrests or prosecutions; and
- 5) Training Opportunities: The use of body-worn cameras also offers potential opportunities to advance policing through training.

Please provide a breakdown here of how this funding would be used (salaries, construction, etc.): Once any agency decides to implement a BWC program, the public comes to expect the availability of video records and all responding officers to be equipped with a camera. Therefore, the Police Department would need to acquire 125 BWCs to outfit 115 responding officers and have 10 spare BWCs available.

As an agency, the Police Department has already taken all the necessary steps to methodically evaluate a BWC program and make an informed decision for the Police Department and the communities it serves. Consequently, the City and Police Department have developed a Body Worn Camera Implementation Plan to guide them in these efforts. The Police Department has collected valuable input from all the stakeholders involved to include the Police Department's Collective Bargaining Unit and State Attorney's Office. The acquisition of 125 cameras as well as the additional personnel, hardware, software, and needed infrastructure for a successful BWC

program would be an approximate implementation cost of \$1,200,000.00. A breakdown of the costs are provided for below:

Cost Centers	Implementation Costs
Cameras and related equipment (i.e., docking stations) (125)	\$123,175.00
BWC related technology (i.e., infrastructure)	\$625,315.00
Personnel	\$438,510.00
Supplies and Equipment (i.e., computers and printers)	\$13,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,200,000.00

Is this a new or ongoing project? This is a new project, building upon and aligning with the City's Officer Safety Program.

What is the timeline of completion for this project, and will this project require additional federal funding in future fiscal years? Estimated time to complete the full deployment of this program is 12 months. This includes the acquisition of the body-camera related equipment, purchase and installation of the necessary hardware, software, and infrastructure, and the hiring and training of pertinent staff. This project will not require additional federal funding in future fiscal years as the City will take on full financial responsibility.

If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity? The City is committed to and prioritizes the highest level of safety standards in accordance with the City's 10-year Strategic Plan. In order for the BWC program to be successful, it is imperative that the program be deployed in its full capacity as the public will come to expect the availability of video records and that all officers are equipped with a BWC. While it is the preference of the City to fully deploy a BWC program, if the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested the City would not be able to start this project in a limited capacity. Taking an inconsistent approach in regards to data and evidence collection, transparency, and officer safety would compromise the integrity of the Police Department.

If this project has received any funding in the past, from either a public or private source, please detail that here: N/A

If this project requires a non-federal cost-share, please indicate that here and explain how you can demonstrate that the non-federal share will be met: There is no non-federal cost-share for this program.

Does any derogatory information, as well as any potentially mitigating information, exist that would render the entity potentially unsuitable for receiving community project funding? Please explain if applicable. N/A

If submitting multiple requests, please rank this request in terms of priority: **This is the City's #1 priority request.**

Please list all Members of the House and Senate who are receiving this request: **Congressman Jared Moskowitz.**



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March 15, 2023

The Honorable Jared Moskowitz
U.S. House of Representatives
1130 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0923

RE: Department of Justice Body-Worn Camera Program Funding

Dear Congressman Moskowitz:

I am the State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. The Coconut Creek Police Department is within the jurisdiction of my office. As such, I am writing to support the City of Coconut Creek's request for Community Project Funding to purchase and implement a Body-Worn Camera program. Body-worn cameras are a beneficial tool that can be used to increase transparency with law enforcement interactions within the communities they serve. Research has shown the deployment of body-worn cameras can strengthen accountability while assisting in de-escalating encounters. The cameras are also an effective medium to capture objective audio and visual record of interactions that can provide critical evidence in the event of a crime, police-citizen interaction, or use of force incident.

It is of great importance that the community and its law enforcement officers work together to ensure trust and enhance public safety. The Coconut Creek Police Department has indicated its commitment to provide a safe environment by developing problem-solving and community-engaging strategies. The Broward County State Attorney's Office endorses these measures.

Sincerely,

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HAROLD F. PRYOR
State Attorney

HFP/kf



JOSHUA RYDELL
MAYOR

March 16, 2023

The Honorable Jared Moskowitz
U.S. House of Representatives
2447 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Department of Justice Body-Worn Camera Program Funding

Dear Congressman Moskowitz,

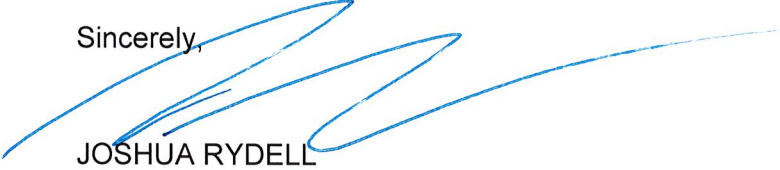
On behalf of the City of Coconut Creek, I am pleased to support the City's request for funding to purchase and implement the City's body-worn camera program. This request is our number 1 priority for federal funding in FY 2024.

Many community stakeholders and criminal justice leaders have strongly suggested that police departments implementing a body-worn camera program increases accountability and public confidence in the community, reduces the number of complaints made against police officers, reduces criminal costs, and de-escalates anti-social behavior.

Coconut Creek prides itself on being a leader in transparency and safety for our community. We have carefully evaluated the benefits of a body-worn camera program in our adjacent communities and with the Broward County Sheriff Department. In our evaluation, we are committed to implementing the program as a key safety measure for the community and to instill public confidence and transparency with our citizens.

We are recommending one body-worn camera for each member of our policy force, based on guidance issued by the Department of Justice. The City is ready to make a considerable investment in the form of a local match to make this program come to fruition, and I urge you to support funding for this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 973-6720.

Sincerely,


JOSHUA RYDELL
Mayor



March 9, 2023

The Honorable Jared Moskowitz
U.S. House of Representatives
2447 Rayburn House Office
Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Department of Justice Body-Worn Camera Program Funding

Dear Congressman Moskowitz

On behalf of the City of Coconut Creek Police Department, I support the City's request for Community Project Funding to purchase and implement a Body-Worn Camera program. This request is a priority for funding in the City's FY 2024 budget. It aligns with and supports the City's commitment to safety and quality of life as outlined in Coconut Creek's strategic plan.

As Coconut Creek's Police Chief, I am interested in implementing the Body-Worn Camera program for several reasons. Coconut Creek is located in Broward County, a large, metropolitan county in South Florida consisting of 31 cities. We are one of only three cities in the county that have not yet implemented a Body-Worn Camera program. I believe that body-worn cameras are a tool to ensure law enforcement officers are being efficient and effective in their duties to protect and serve. They will also serve to ensure the safety of both our officers and the community. I anticipate that body-worn cameras will ensure the actions of our police officers are appropriate and provide transparency with the public, while also protecting police officers from false accusations and capturing evidence for use in criminal and civil litigation.

There have been numerous studies that support the implementation of body-worn cameras, several of which are included in this Community Project Funding application. Body-worn cameras are also strongly supported by community leaders including criminal justice leaders and the Broward County State Attorney's Office, which strongly suggests that police departments that implement Body-Worn Camera programs will increase both the police departments' standards of performance and confidence from the community.



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The Honorable Jared Moskowitz
March 9, 2022

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The City has carefully evaluated the benefits of a body-worn camera program in adjacent communities. Our new policy will recommend one body-worn camera for each member of the police force, and our request is based on guidance issued by the Department of Justice. The City is ready to make a considerable investment in the form of a local match to make this program come to fruition.

On behalf of the City of Coconut Creek and the Coconut Creek Police Department, appreciate your consideration and support of this very important project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell: 1-941-628-4490, or at the office: 954-973-6702.

Sincerely,



ALBERT A. ARENAL
Chief of Police
