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Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Review and act on a recommendation from the police department to accept an armored vehicle from the US government under the 1033 program.	

Details:
 According to Financial Policy 3.2.2 acceptance of donations of goods or service are to be approved by the council.

The Waukesha Police Department is currently equipped with a modified armored vehicle that it uses for officer and citizen rescues. This vehicle was previously used as a delivery vehicle for valuable items, much like Loomis or Wells Fargo. Our vehicle is over 30 years old, and is not structurally sound or reliable. Due to age and use, the structural supports that hold the box of the vehicle to the chassis have rusted through causing the box to drop down on the frame of the vehicle. This has caused the box to now sit at an angle to the frame and is a safety concern during driving. Due to these concerns we have been forced to take it out of service. This assessment was completed by an independent vehicle body shop(Ken's Classics). We are currently reviewing options for repair but all appear extremely expensive. Along with the above safety concern, it often does not start during cold weather, and has reoccurring electrical and mechanical problems.

The 1033 program is a federal program that transfers surplus federal equipment to law enforcement agencies. Transferred equipment remains the property of the federal government, but is in the care and custody of the receiving agency. The equipment is subject to periodic inspections by federal authorities. The receiving agency is responsible for transport costs when they receive the vehicle, maintenance costs and accountability of the equipment. The Waukesha Police Department is already a participant in the 1033 program and uses and maintains numerous pieces of federal surplus items.

In July of 2014 our Department requested to be considered for any armored rescue vehicles that came available in the State of Wisconsin under this program. This request was a direct result of the ongoing problems and unreliability of our current armored rescue vehicle. During the budget process the Department also requested \$275,000 in the 2015 CIP Budget.

Recently, the 1033 program manager advised us that a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Armored



Vehicle was available. The vehicle was transferred from federal custody to the Eau Claire Sheriff's Department about one year ago. The Eau Claire Sheriff's Department now has a "Bearcat" armored vehicle and no longer needs their MRAP. Should we accept the vehicle, the Eau Claire Sheriff's Department has requested reimbursement for the initial transport costs of the vehicle of \$4,200. Transport costs are common when accepting these types of vehicles from the federal government under this program. The MRAP is a 2012 Caiman and has only 1,920 miles on it.

Options & Alternatives:

Option 1 – Accept replacement armored vehicle

Option 2 – Do not replace armored vehicle and address replacement in 2016 budget process

Note:

Financial Remarks:

The reimbursement transport cost of \$4,200 would be taken from the Tactical Unit's Annual Budget (100-210-2130-53140) and the maintenance of the vehicle has already been budgeted for the armored vehicle it is replacing.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the request from the police department to accept an armored vehicle from the US government under the 1033 program.