

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a \$79,250 DHS/FEMA Port Security Grant to purchase a police patrol boat, security cameras, and equipment to enhance port and river security in the City of La Crosse.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse, being historically known as a “river city” on the banks of the Mississippi and Black Rivers, has 19 miles of navigable channel; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has invested heavily in the infrastructure in and around the Port of La Crosse/Downtown and has a vested interest in the safety and security of the Port and surrounding infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department has primary jurisdiction and responsibility to protect, monitor, and enforce city ordinances and laws on the waterways within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of La Crosse and has a long history of providing boat patrols dating back to the 1950’s; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department has been awarded a grant by DSH/FEMA to purchase a patrol boat, security cameras, and related equipment in the amount of \$79,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a non-federal cash or in-kind match of 25% which will be met through in-kind match of boat storage, maintenance, fuel, training, patrolling, as well as the purchasing of various equipment and supplies from the police security account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the La Crosse Police Department to accept the DHS/FEMA Port Security Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Department is hereby authorized to accept bids for a patrol boat and boat lift and shall present the selected bid to the Board of Public Works for final approval and acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Department is hereby authorized to utilize up to \$20,000 in funds from the Police Security Fund (530) to purchase necessary equipment and supplies for the patrol boat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to create a “committed” special revolving revenue fund for the revenues and expenses of a boat patrol program to be administered by the Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents in connection with said resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Police Chief, and Finance Director are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.