



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Finance Committee

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr. Chief of Police

DATE: March 7, 2016

REF: Consideration - Authorization to Submit Application for Walmart Community Grant Program

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department is currently seeking grant opportunities to enhance its training program and increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the department. The Walmart Community Grant Program is offering up to \$2,500 in grant funding to be used by organizations striving to improve their community. The Elizabeth City Police Department wishes to apply for funding in the full amount of \$2,500, which would be granted in the form of a check from Walmart for the purchase of a computer at \$509.99 and a 70' inch Smart HDTV at \$1,898.00 to be placed in the department's training room to benefit members of Elizabeth City Police Department. There are no matching grant funds required by the City of Elizabeth City to be approved for this competitive grant solicitation. The final date for grant submission is December 31, 2016.

ANALYSIS:

The Elizabeth City Police Department's Training and Career Development Program provides employees with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform their duties in a manner, which is consistent with current police practice, ever-changing court rulings, and advancing technology. The Training and Career Development Program utilizes trained law enforcement professionals to plan, develop and implement requirements that are mandated by state law. This grant funding is a great way for the Police Department to strengthen skills and knowledge for job-related training for members of the department. In keeping with the goal of Walmart giving back to the community, the Elizabeth City Police Department feels applying for the Community Grant will better equip the training room in a cost effective way to supplement budgetary needs for yearly training. In addition, the grant will provide resources to law enforcement professionals

to better serve the community. Walmart believes in giving back to the community, particularly to local agencies recognized by the government.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, recommend that the City Council authorize the submission of a grant application to the Walmart Community Grant Program in the amount of \$2,500; and to utilize this grant funding, if awarded, for the purchase of technology/equipment to be used in the Elizabeth City Police Department's training room.