

Investment Fund for Core Needs (IFCN)

Entry #33

A. PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Title: Ready to Protect - Proud to Serve – But is our Equipment?

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Amount Requested: \$7392

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A-1. Description of the Initiative

The Officers of the University Police at Brockport are proud to protect our students and staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. However, sometimes their equipment is not. The department has never before been in a position to have newer, more powerful, rugged equipment. In the past, they have always made do with what we had. As technologies and software's change that are imperative to our officer's jobs, new equipment is needed. However, because these computers are for a very specific purpose, need to be rugged and withstand a lot of abuse, their cost is high.

University Police is specifically in dire need of some new, more rugged computer equipment in their Patrol Vehicles. They also could use some backup equipment in case something was to happen to the current equipment, which is currently holding on, but just barely.

The purpose of this Grant Initiative is to outfit the older cars with newer computer equipment that is more rugged and in theory will last longer than the car itself. And create a few trickle down machines to be used as backups, just in case.

New computers are by nature faster and allow the officers to perform their job functions more efficiently so that they may respond to calls quicker. Given the amount of time the computers in the Patrol cars run on a daily basis, their life span is not the same as a typical office computer. Protecting the campus is University Police's mission while upholding the law, and having equipment that keeps up with the officers is imperative.

The in-vehicle computers are exposed to rain, snow, humidity, and dust – and even the officers themselves! They must be rugged enough to withstand vehicle vibrations, collisions, electrical surge, drop, or sudden impact from an object or person. Officers can't be worried about the computers at all times, as their primary focus is the safety and security of the campus community, and themselves. So accidents happen with regard to the technology in the cars. The proposed equipment includes everything the officer needs to effectively enter data, and allow the officer to easily swing the equipment away when not in use. New, more rugged equipment is the best chance at keeping up with our University Police officers as they Protect and Serve 24/7/365.

A-2. Impact Statement: What change will this project deliver in the short term? What are the expected longer term impacts?

These new units will improve the ability of UP officers to efficiently and effectively communicate data and reports for a safe and secure campus. Backup mobile units available at the station allow even a night time officer the ability to continue to Protect and Serve in the event of device failure in a patrol car or an emergency situation our officers can always access the software they need to do their job and protect our campus. Without a well-functioning mobile computer, officers are presently contacting a UP Station dispatcher by radio or delaying the submissions of data/reports until the officer can return to the Station.

In the short term, this initiative if funded, would get new more rugged equipment in to the hands of our officers that they can rely on. It would directly impact the daily lives of the Officers themselves. And indirectly impact the students, faculty, and staff that rely on University Police for their safety. In the long term, the computer will last longer and be better supported by both our IT professional and the vendor. This extends the life of the device even more.

B. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

B-1. To be a Great College at which to Learn

B-2. To be a College engaged with its Community

B-3. To be a Sustainable Institution for the 21st Century

B-4. To be a Great College at which to Work

When officers are applying to work, or the department is looking for new officers to hire, candidates are given a tour of the Station and Patrol cars. With the current state of the equipment it is difficult to find potential candidates. More modern and current departmental equipment may draw in more candidates, especially technology proficient candidates.

It is difficult for our current officers to constantly use failing or broken equipment. At times, it is to the point where they are unable to perform their duties. Since the University Police department is THE safety of our campus, an officer that cannot quickly perform their duties because of the state of the equipment they have is very concerning.

As the IT professional that supports this department, I have seen the changes in the officers as I have gone through and gotten failing equipment working again. The officers are used to things NOT working at all, it had become the normal for them. New equipment would be beneficial to their job and their morale. New equipment that allows them to perform their duties quickly shows that someone at the college cares, and that makes the college the place they want to work.

C. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BUDGET

C-1. Identify the specific activities to be funded from the Investment Fund, estimated time-line for implementation, and for activities anticipated to be ongoing, plans for continued funding.

Item 1: 2 - DELL 12" Rugged Tablets (\$2300ea)

Item 1 Amount: \$4600

Item 2: 2 – HAVIS Car Mounts (\$406 each)

Item 2 Amount: \$812

Item 3: 2 – L-TRON scanners (\$339 each)

Item 3 Amount: \$678

Item 4: 2 - TG3 Rugged Keyboards (\$250 each)

Item 4 Amount: \$500

Item 5: 2 – PocketJet Printers + Warranties + cables (\$401 each)

Item 5 Amount: \$802

Item 6:

Item 6 Amount: \$

Item 7:

Item 7 Amount: \$

Item 8:

Item 8 Amount: \$

Item 9:

Item 9 Amount: \$

Item 10:

Item 10 Amount: \$

TOTAL EXPENSES, ALL ITEMS: \$7392

Matching Fund: \$0

In-Kind Services: Provide FTE and name of personnel who have committed to in-kind services.

I am the IT professional that supports University Police operations, and will be setting up the new equipment and training the officers. My time is the in-kind services that go along with this Proposal.

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D. ASSESSMENT PLAN:

D-1. What are the anticipated outcomes and specific measurements for success?

The best way to assess the successfulness of this initiative is whether the Officers are happy as they go about their day. Newer equipment equals less frustrated officers, as they are able to write their reports quicker, submit them, and take the next call that comes their way.

Another potential outcome, is that as the calls come in they are answered quicker, and reports/cases are closed quicker. Allowing the officers more time for other activities such as Community Policing, and outreach programs that allow them more interaction with students than just tickets or emergencies.

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

E-1. Please provide any additional information to assist in the review of the proposal, including why the initiative cannot be funded from divisional resources.

The reason for applying for this Initiative is because the department is in dire need of new computer equipment for the cars, but does not have the operational budget to sustain what is needed.

The department budget consists of the following percentages:

93% to staffing (Sworn Officers, and 2 civilians)

4% to software and support (IMPACT, TraCs etc)

1% to clothing, body armour, shoes etc

1% to officer training

1% to misc (Vehicle maintenance, office supplies)

Thus allowing very little or none at all for any computer related equipment to be purchased when it is vitally needed. And since these computers are so specialized they are expensive.

Upload up to three supplemental files here (not required): [On file]

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Signatures of sponsors are on file in the Administration and Finance Division.

Sponsor 1 Comments: We are grateful to Amanda Auriemma for her research and support in explaining this request and the need to update our technology.

Sponsor 2 comments:

Sponsor 3 Comments:

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