



MEMO

TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Sue Ann Teer, Fiscal Resource Manager

Date: July 12, 2022

Subject: **The following 2022 Budget adjustment be approved for Safer Communities Law Enforcement grant funding.**

Miscellaneous State Aids	+\$225,618
Miscellaneous Equipment	+\$225,618

Governor Evers allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Safer Communities Law Enforcement program. The Appleton Police Department was awarded \$225,618 of the formula-based grant that will be used for a wireless router system.

Taking advantage of technology is essential when officers are mobile and need to manage connectivity on multiple devices. Utilizing a secure wireless router system, such as Cradlepoint will ensure access can be provided remotely without lagging or loss of connectivity. The pilot program assessment completed in 2022 confirmed the reliability of this technology and realized the benefit of interconnectivity with AXON programs that we currently use for body worn cameras. A wireless router system is essential to augment our use of technology for the officer's safe and efficient response to calls for service, as well as increasing the officer's situational awareness to take appropriate action.

We are requesting a 2022 budget adjustment for the grant award.