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MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Sue Ann Teer, Fiscal Resource Manager

Date: April 15, 2026

Re: Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM)

The Appleton Police Department has applied for the Wisconsin Interoperable Radio Grant Program through the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs. This is a collaborative effort with Outagamie County to upgrade/replace radios used by the Appleton Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and Outagamie County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team (ERT). Both teams shared a mobile Command Post, a Bearcat and a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle. Both departments are requesting portable and mobile radios specifically for interoperability efforts.

Adding radios capable of integrating with the WISCOM 800 MHz system to our existing command and tactical vehicles will allow us to seamlessly integrate our communications with agencies on WISCOM when we are called to assist in incidents. Currently we have an ISSI interface between WISCOM and our own trunked 800 MHz system, however it would not serve our needs if our equipment was taken to a scene outside of our area. The new radios will provide continual communication as we continue to expand our relationship with the Wisconsin State Patrol who will be moving District 3 headquarters to our county, and in other areas such as collaboration with the Brown/Outagamie Bomb Squad.

We are requesting a budget adjustment in accepting the grant funds.