

I request the following Forfeiture Fund Request for the amount of \$47,000 to replace the currently issued pistols that have been utilized for five to six years, during which the pistols have experienced significant round counts. The .45ACP version experiences a higher rate of wear compared to the 9mm version due to the higher presence and slide velocity.

Secondly, the currently-issued pistol-mounted lights (the Blackhawk Xiphos) have experienced a notable failure, demonstrating a critical need to find a more robust and reliable replacement. During the recent in-service low light training a number of pistol lights failed. Some shut off during courses of fire, others failed to activate at all. Two recent, operational light failures, one during a building search and another during a felony traffic stop. The events are considerable safety issues for the officers that greatly depend on this equipment. Blackhawk attempted to repair the lights as they malfunctioned but after several months they have rescinded an offer to replace the lights with a newer version.

The replacement of lights require the need to replace the holsters as the Blackhawk light/ holster design is proprietary and the acquisition of a new light will require a new holster. Other reasons for this request are as follows:

**1. Necessary Replacement of Worn Parts for the Current .45 ACP Glock Pistols.** During a recent armorer's inspection we found that nearly all pistols need new recoil spring assemblies and the night sights are nearing the end of their service lives and need replacement.

**2. Factors Favoring Transition to 9mm Pistols.** There are numerous reasons to transition to the 9mm handgun that are specified in an internal FBI Document to include a reduced ammunition costs, greater magazine capacity, reduced coil, reduced weight and grip size, longevity and the extensive improvements in the ballistics of the 9mm round that has been majorly improved in the last few years.

Glock USA currently has offered HPD a \$50 gun for gun trade that expired in January 2015 but has been extended for the City of Harrisonburg. The cost without this agreement will be approximately \$120 to \$150 per weapon. For the 116 weapons we would be trading gun for gun would cost \$5,800 which is much lower than the cost to just repair the current .45 ACP Glock.

### **3. Cost Summary.**

Option A: Replace lights, holsters, recoil springs and night sights for our present weapons would cost \$49,796.88.

Option B: New Glock 9mm pistols, duty and concealment holsters, mag pouches and lights for every weapon would be \$53,004.25. We have talked with the distributor that sold us the Blackhawk lights and they have agreed to take the old lights back and refund the \$9,000 the lights cost the City. The total for this option would be \$44,004.25.

Option B would provide brand new weapons and replace the current defective lights with a higher quality light and would provide a weapon that is cheaper to train with as well as is a weapon that is designed for problem shooters with less recoil. I respectfully request to use forfeiture funds to go with Option B that would eliminate the safety issue with the lights and would provide a weapon that the federal agencies and military have chosen to return to due to the superior ballistics of the 9mm.

The additional \$3,000 would be for 9mm Rounds that would be for transition training to the 9mm from the .45ACP. I could provide more information on reasoning and ballistic information if you want to review additional information.