

Exhibit 15

APPLICATION

ARIZONA DPS RICO FUNDS

Applications for RICO funding will be solicited semi-annually (April and October). Projects approved for funding will begin in July and January respectively. Divisions can present projects to the Funding Committee outside of these funding cycles if an urgent need is identified.

Requesting Bureau: Investigation Bureau

Project Title: S.W.A.T. Team FY2014

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Project Budget Coordinator: Mary Curfman

Total Funds Requested: ~~\$438,930~~ 276,210

Proposed Project: This is a direct law enforcement mission. The DPS S.W.A.T. Team has been tasked with providing specialized tactical assistance to all law enforcement agencies through out the State of Arizona.

In its role as mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 41, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides specialized law enforcement assistance and training to law enforcement agencies within the state. The Special Weapons and Tactics team (S.W.A.T.) provides such services and training to the various law enforcement agencies.

DPS S.W.A.T. is not an appropriated funded unit, and relies on RICO funding in order to continue performing its high-risk mission. The safety of our officers and the public they are sworn to protect depend on it. During calls for service and training our equipment and basic supplies are used and must be serviced or replaced on a continual basis. In addition to the problem of aging equipment, advances in technology have proven to greatly increase the safety of the S.W.A.T. operators while dealing with hazardous and life threatening situations. Without RICO funding, S.W.A.T. would not be able to maintain and replace specialized tools and equipment necessary to perform their duties as S.W.A.T. operators.

The S.W.A.T. team provides a variety of operational, technical, specialized support, and training to Federal, State, County, and City law enforcement agencies. The support includes a rapid response with highly trained tactical and negotiations support in potentially life threatening situations. This requires specialized skills, tactics, and equipment to isolate, control, and resolve the incident in a manner consistent with escalation of force policies.

Proposed Budget: The proposed solution would be to provide funding for the S.W.A.T. Team to obtain the necessary equipment, training and overtime funds. This would improve the operational and safety aspects of the S.W.A.T. Unit in the face of the current threats and the ongoing effort to reduce terrorism and street crimes. Our proposed solution is as follows:

OVERTIME:

DPS S.W.A.T. is on call 24 hours a day -7 days a week. The majorities of officers assigned to S.W.A.T. are part-time contingency team members and respond to S.W.A.T. calls in addition to performing their normal duties. Part-time members response to call outs is almost always on overtime status. In general, S.W.A.T. has little flexibility in adjusting these part-time member's hours due to the demands of their regular duties and primary assignments. RICO funds are used to pay for overtime of the part-time members of S.W.A.T. for missions throughout the state. RICO funded overtime is only used to pay full-time and part-time members when adjusting time off is impossible.

The S.W.A.T. team is constantly adjusting work schedules in order to complete its assignments. There are 13 full-time S.W.A.T. members in the S.W.A.T. District that have staggered their work schedules and the supervisors coordinate manpower to maintain minimum staffing for assignments. Full-time S.W.A.T. personnel have several other duties they are tasked with which include ARIZONA WANTED, Property and Evidence destruction transportation, high profile dignitary protection details, tactical training for DPS Units and other law enforcement agencies, de-briefing of previous operations for training issues, scheduling and instructing team training. This continues to cause a hardship in order to meet our minimum training hours.

The National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA) has set recognized standards for S.W.A.T. teams. The training standard for full-time S.W.A.T. personnel is at least 25% of the regular duty time which equals 10 hours per week, and as a result of getting called out and then adjusting schedules to avoid overtime, our training has been cut short or in some instances been cancelled. Part-time minimum standard training commitments as set forth by the NTOA amounts to 16 hours per month, or 8 hours every other week.

The calls S.W.A.T. responds to are complex in that no two calls are identical in time needed and number of specialized personnel to accomplish a peaceful resolution. Over the last six fiscal years S.W.A.T. has responded to an average of 107.6 calls a year, which averages to 8.9 calls per month. S.W.A.T. has taken steps to adjust overtime and coordinate budget issues with other available sources of funding. Any increase in number of callouts and/or duration of calls would increase the unit's overtime expenses. Funding of overtime and ERE costs is critical, as no other funding source is available to pay these liabilities.

The following is a typical response to S.W.A.T. callout for high-risk warrant service: On average when S.W.A.T. responds to a call-out it utilizes 20 specially trained officers. Of those 20, at least 40% of them are in/on overtime status. The averages S.W.A.T. call-out last approximately 6 hours. This equals at least 48 hours of overtime.

Average S.W.A.T. Call-out	
40% of 20 people =	8 people
8 people X 6 hours of OT =	48 hours
48 hours of OT =	\$3,445 OT/ERE

S.W.A.T. is requesting Overtime and ERE to cover a minimum of 8 callouts a cycle. Using the figures from above the average call out requires \$3,445, in Overtime/ERE.

8 call outs X 48 hours of OT (8 X \$3,445) = \$27,560 OT/ERE per Cycle
12 Cycles X \$27,560 =

~~\$330,720~~
200,000

*This does not include the difference for sergeant's pay

EQUIPMENT:

These are the items that are vital to the safe performance and enhance the current capabilities of S.W.A.T.

- CELLULAR TELEPHONES – SMART PHONES

Request 4 Smart Phones for S.W.A.T. supervisors to allow them to communicate and send electronic correspondence during law enforcement missions. This allows them to receive and send photos of locations and suspects while in the field. This also gives the supervisors ability to immediately call out personnel and equipment needed for each mission. S.W.A.T. requests funding to cover yearly service costs. (4 Smart Phones @ \$203.88 mo ea)

Twelve (12) months of Service for 4 Smart Phones assigned to S.W.A.T. ~~\$2500~~

- SATELLITE PHONE

S.W.A.T. has one Satellite phone available for use when conducting rural operations and/or in the event they are deployed and regular land and/or cellular service is unavailable.

Twelve (12) months of Service (45.96 per month)

~~\$560~~ OK

- AIRCARD

S.W.A.T. has 7 AIR Cards assigned for use in Mobile Data Computer (MDC). This also allows the ability of SWAT to transfer larger amounts of data during law enforcement missions. (Seven AIR Cards @ 39.99 each per month – \$279.93 monthly charges)

Seven AIRCARDS @ Twelve (12) months of Service ~~\$3400~~

- LAPTOP COMPUTER TOKENS

S.W.A.T. Team currently has seven Laptop Computer Tokens that allow them to access secure DPS databases while in the field on Missions. IT requires they be replaced each year.

Seven Computer Tokens @ \$300.00 per year. (7 SWAT)

~~\$2100~~ Not charging

- CHEMICAL/IMPACT MUNITIONS/DIVERSIONARY DEVICES

S.W.A.T. currently has a multitude of expired or soon to be expired chemical, impact munitions and diversionary devices. In the past, the Unit has purchased large lots of these munitions,

causing most of them to expire in the same year. The average shelf life of this type of munitions is 5 years. S.W.A.T. utilizes these munitions during various tactical situations, i.e. barricaded subjects, prison riots, and civil unrest situations. S.W.A.T. also routinely trains with these munitions to certify and maintain proficiency in its use. It is S.W.A.T. intention to purchase this type of munitions in smaller lots each year to minimize the quantities that expire and to create a rotating inventory. This will also allow for smaller amounts of funding being required each year, as opposed to a large allotment every five years. These types of devices are consumable and cannot be reused.

Various Chemical / Impact Munitions / Diversionary Devices \$10,000

• SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE

S.W.A.T. tactical operators currently have one issued Polaris Razor, UTV type vehicle. The unit has on occasion borrowed these types of vehicles from other units during deployments and has seen the usefulness of having them for our use. The UTV's are extremely beneficial to gain access and move tactical resources during rural operations such as marijuana eradications, man hunts and border operations. The vehicles can be easily outfitted for our needs to include Infrared lighting for nighttime operations. The use of such vehicles will allow our unit to minimize the wear we put on our issued vehicles during these operations. S.W.A.T. request one additional Four Seat Polaris Razor and Trailer.

Polaris Razor and trailer ~~\$24,000~~

• MULTI PURPOSE COPIER

S.W.A.T. is currently using a seven year old copier. The copier jammed and malfunctions when making more than five copies. In the past six months, numerous service calls has been put in to service the unit. S.W.A.T. can benefit from a multi purpose copier, with wireless printing capabilities.

Multi Purpose Copier \$5000

• DEUS 3200 Controlled Descent Device

Crisis Negotiators have been tasked with missions related to suicidal individuals threatening to jump from a highway overpass into oncoming traffic, therefore posing an immediate threat of suicide, a hazardous threat to the safety of the motoring public, and the crisis negotiator. The harness manufactured by DEUS is designed to give SWAT the ability to secure the negotiator to a fixed object and provide a safe anchoring option, in the event the suicidal subject attempts to grab the negotiator or push the negotiator into oncoming traffic.

(3) Harness and Rope \$4000

TRAVEL/TRAINING:

NTOA standards and S.W.A.T. best practices require a minimum of 16 hours of training a month and attendance of an additional one week of training per year for part-time S.W.A.T. personnel. Full-Time officers are required to have more training. The on going required training for all

operators and the initial training required for the new tactical officers, snipers, and negotiators require funding for travel and training.

In order to meet the mission requirements of S.W.A.T., travel/training funds are essential. S.W.A.T. provides service to the entire state of Arizona law enforcement community, including Federal agencies. To perform our duties safely and to maintain a high level of proficiency, S.W.A.T. members must train on a continuous basis. In order to do this, it requires S.W.A.T. personnel to travel throughout the state as well as outside the state. The unit has brought on ten new members who require additional training to become proficient in tactical operations.

Below are the classes and/or schools identified:

Class	Registration / Lodging / Per Diem	Amount	In-State	Out-state
National Tactical Officer's Association Conference 2013	\$500 X 6 (7 th free) \$3000 + Per Diem \$5700	\$8700		X
NTOA S.W.A.T. Commander Leadership	\$675 + Per Diem \$470	\$1200	X	
Select-Fire Instructor Course	\$600 x 2 \$1200 + Per Diem \$650	\$1850	X	
Intermediate Sniper School	\$400 x 4 \$1600 + Per Diem \$800	\$2400	X	
Crises Negotiations CNU Conference 2013	\$300 x 3 \$900 + Per Diem \$600	\$1,500	X	

Total Amount \$15,650

Average Lodging and Per Diem for responding to calls for service: **\$10,000**

Travel and Training Requested: **\$25,650**

OTHER OPERATING

OPERATING COSTS

S.W.A.T. is a stand-alone Unit and not supported administratively by any other DPS components. Not only does S.W.A.T. require the daily administrative supplies such as copier toner and maintenance fees, but it also requires specialized consumables to be used during a tactical response. Supplies include but are not limited to tools, replacement parts, specialized batteries, range fees, gun repairs and gun parts.

Operating costs **\$31,000**

Personal Services / OT	\$330,720
Travel/Training	\$25,650
Other Operating (incl. training)	\$31,000
Equipment	\$51,560
Total	\$438,930

200,000

19,560

\$270,210