



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – August 12th, 2019
City Council – August 19th, 2019

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

by City Council

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Agenda Item: 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

Submitted by: Police Department, Lt. Derik Zimmel

Staff Recommended Action: The department is requesting Mayor, Committee, and Council approval to submit an application for the FY2019 Justice Assistance Grant Program

August 12, 2019 – Committee Recommended Action: Refer to City Council with the recommendation to approve.

August 19, 2019 – Council Action: Approved unanimously on consent agenda.

BACKGROUND:

The Grand Forks Police Department is planning to submit an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2019 Local Solicitation. The U.S. Department of Justice through the Bureau of Justice Assistance provides funding to our jurisdiction through Justice Assistance Grants, and we may only use this funding for training, equipment, or related needs that are not addressed through regularly budgeted items.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

For Fiscal Year 2019 the Grand Forks Police Department is eligible for \$23,535.00, through the local solicitation. Based upon established Bureau of Justice Assistance guidelines, the 2019 JAG award must be shared with the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office. The Grand Forks Police Department is in the process of entering into an inter local agreement with the City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, and Grand Forks County to unite funding for the purchase of a single item for use by both agencies.

The Grand Forks Police Department will administer this grant. There is no local match to this funding, and the funding cannot be used to supplant local budgeted funding. Pre-application planning indicates that the Grand Forks Police Department and the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office intend to jointly allocate their combined portions of this funding, in conjunction with other funding sources, to procure a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer unit with a 5-year warranty agreement, and a corresponding TruNarc Solution Kit. The Thermo Scientific™ TruNarc™ Handheld Narcotics Analyzer enables law enforcement officers and other personnel to scan more than 450 suspected controlled substances in a single, definitive test. More importantly, this analysis may be conducted without directly contacting the unknown substance by scanning directly through plastic or glass for most drug test samples to minimize contamination, reduce exposure and preserve evidence.

SUPPORT MATERIALS

Thermo Scientific™ TruNarc™ Handheld Narcotics Analyzer Brochure

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TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer

Field-based presumptive narcotics, precursor and cutting agent testing

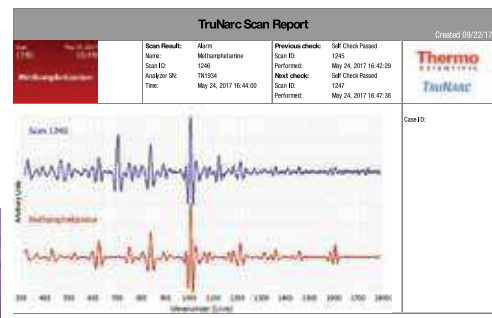


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The TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer

- Tests for over 400 substances, including narcotics, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens and analgesics
- Library regularly updated to include emerging drug threats
- Requires no direct contact with most substances
- Delivers clear, real-time results for presumptive evidence
- Provides automated, tamper-proof records with scan results, including time-and-date stamps to help expedite prosecution

limits direct contact



Helping law enforcement



TruNarc: Efficient, Economical, Safe

Agencies across the United States who deploy TruNarc are seeing immediate benefits:

- Even little known substances can be identified almost instantly in the field
- The need for Law Enforcement Officers to handle potentially lethal narcotics is greatly reduced
- Valuable lab time is freed up for higher priority cases
- Reduced demand for lab testing delivers significant cost savings

benefits

stay ahead of the curve: safe, precise

TruNarc Success Stories

Massachusetts, USA: Little-known Drugs Identified Quickly

- TruNarc immediately identified an unknown sample as Alpha-PVP (“Flakka”) a synthetic cathinone
- Official state-wide alert about new drug issued next day

Etowah County, Alabama: Reduced Court Wait Times

- *“We’re definitely seeing a benefit because of TruNarc. We’re able to take cases to the grand jury where before we didn’t have a toxicology report. Now, a defendant doesn’t have to wait for his day in court. It’s been a godsend.”*

– Etowah County

Charles County, Maryland: Improved Protection for Law Enforcement Officers

- Using TruNarc, officers quickly identified fentanyl (a potent opioid absorbed by touch, potentially causing overdose or death) in heroin seizure.
- *“The safety of our officers is one of our top priorities, and this technology will allow us to safely identify controlled dangerous substances quickly and accurately without having to wait on lab results.”*

– Charles County



use narcotics identification



TruNarc Helps Keep Officers Safe

The use of illicit narcotics and opioids continues to skyrocket. Emerging lethal drugs like fentanyl and carfentanyl threaten public safety.

To save lives and protect law enforcement officers, banned substances need to be identified quickly, safely and accurately.

The Thermo Scientific™ TruNarc™ Analyzer rapidly identifies drugs and can reduce the backlog of cases at crime labs while decreasing costs. This leads to quicker case resolution and helps drug offenders access treatment faster.

saves time and money





TruNarc: A more accurate and reliable presumptive test

Specifications	Description
Weight	1.25 lb (.570 kg)
Size	6.4 x 4.1 x 2.0 in. (16.26 x 10.41 x 5.10 cm)
Library	Controlled substances, cutting agents and precursors
Configurations	Unlimited or Pay-Per-Scan
Data export formats	CSV, SPC, PDF
Battery	Rechargeable internal 3.7V battery pack (10 hrs.); DC wall adapter, 5V DC, 1.5A; optional car charger
Operating temperature	14° F to 122° F (-10° C to +50° C)
Language configurations	English, Chinese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Spanish
Computer administration	TruNarc Admin software connected via microUSB to USB
Reachback support	Spectral analysis by staff chemists available
Validation	Third party test results available on request

To learn more about the TruNarc or schedule a demo, please visit us on line at: thermofisher.com/trunarc

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