

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2022 MEU Letter #4

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC	05/20/2022	APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED	X	PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	08/26/2022	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
RETURNED TO SCPRC	09/09/2024	PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

Add specific language to GO 410.06 requiring SPD to seek City Council approval before any public or private funding may be spent.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

The General Order authorizes the SPD to “apply for funding prior to obtaining council approval in the case of exigent circumstances.” SCPRC agrees that there might be circumstances where public funding may only be available with limited notice and require SPD to move quickly in order to apply for funding. However, this money should not be used until the City Council authorizes such action.

This approval will increase public transparency and ensure accountability for SPD to only purchase military equipment that is cost-effective in comparison to other reasonable alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

SPD RESPONSE

The “exigent circumstances” protocol was removed prior to approval of the last MEU period and is not contained in this year’s proposed policy.

Additionally, on 09/05/2023, city council and mayor approved SPD’s 2023 proposed acquisitions and requested notification prior to actual procurement. During the last MEU period, SPD submitted memorandums to the city council, prior to purchase on the following dates:

- 10/18/2023
- 12/26/2023
- 03/26/2024

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

N/A