



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

CMA 2025 #40
IN CITY COUNCIL
March 17, 2025

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$570,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account for the procurement of replacement firearms for the Police Department.

These funds would support the purchase of replacement firearms for the Department. Police Department firearms are typically replaced on approximately a ten-year cycle. The manufacturer has ceased production of the model currently used and replacements are almost impossible to source. It is important that department personnel are all trained on the same firearm to ensure safety and interoperability.

The funds requested would support the purchase of a significantly more modern firearm, which aligns with current industry standards, ensures officers are equipped with tools that are among the best in the industry and supports increased accountability. This includes updated technology to support a broader field of vision and situational awareness, as well as supporting improved vision in low light settings. Additionally, the selected model is accompanied by a new holster system, which will allow for Body Worn Cameras to be automatically activated for all officers on scene in the event that an officer draws their firearm from its holster.

The model was selected after careful review and trials performed by numerous members in the department as well as conducting interviews with other departments utilizing this model. The department expects to trade in the existing firearms to reduce the overall cost of this purchase. After trade in and purchase from an authorized distributor, the department anticipates that the net cost to replace the firearm carried by all department personnel will be approximately \$360,000.

Additionally, \$208,000 will support the replacement of all older training rifles that are over 20 years old. The older training firearms (all 61 Colt rifles as well as 14 MP5 rifles, and 4 Remington 700 Rifles that are currently owned by the department) will be either marked for destruction or traded in to authorities following all proper asset disposal procedures. As a result, there will be a 20% reduction in the Department's inventory of long-range firearms.



As of March 17, 2025, the City's Free Cash balance is \$201,263,471.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-An Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yi-An Huang
City Manager