



Legislation Text

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-72 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Utilizing Available General Fund Balance To Purchase A Police Helicopter And To Obtain Cellular
Phone Service For All Sworn Police Officers; Providing An Appropriation In Fiscal Year 2019
(Sanchez, Jones)

UTILIZING AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO PURCHASE A POLICE HELICOPTER
AND TO OBTAIN CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE FOR ALL SWORN POLICE OFFICERS;
PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2019.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department owns and operates an EC120B (H120)
helicopter that is not well suited for operation during the 5 warmer months of the year due to
Albuquerque's high altitude; and

WHEREAS, the H120 helicopter is due for significant and costly maintenance including parts
replacements required under FAA aircraft maintenance guidelines; and

WHEREAS, a new, more reliable aircraft is needed to locate and apprehend criminals in a
safer manner than pursuit using police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the APD Air Unit has researched helicopters and found a solid candidate aircraft
platform to purchase, one that is both suitable for performance in a "high and hot" environment
and cost effective to operate; and

WHEREAS, cellular phone service is now necessary for all Sworn Officers of the Albuquerque
Police Department to access a language interpreting phone line, in accordance with its Limited
English Proficiency Plan as required by the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, partial funding for the officer cellular phone service has been appropriated in Fiscal Year 2019, but additional funds are needed; and

WHEREAS, available, uncommitted, General Fund balance has been identified - fund balance that is beyond what was projected - from additional non-recurring GRT revenue.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated to the respective programs for operating City government during Fiscal Year 2019:

GENERAL FUND - 110

Police Department

Neighborhood Policing	65,000
Transfer to Capital Acquisition Fund (305)	5,200,000

CAPITAL ACQUISITION FUND - 305

Police Helicopter	5,200,000
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Scope: purchase, repair, and equip police aircraft.

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