



2026 Phoenix Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Application

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title: "FY25" Night Vision Observation Device Capability for Goodyear Police Department Special Assignments Unit (SAU)

Project Summary:

Project Title: Night Vision Observation Device Capability for the Goodyear Police Department Special Assignments Unit (SAU) The City of Goodyear, located in the rapidly growing West Valley of the Phoenix metropolitan area, is directly impacted by the ongoing border crisis due to its proximity to major smuggling routes used to enter the United States from Mexico. The routes include major Interstates 8 and 10, and Maricopa County roads MC 85 and State Route 238. The roads all serve as major points of travel into the City of Goodyear from the southern border into the Phoenix Metropolitan area. These corridors facilitate human smuggling, drug trafficking, and the movement of transnational criminal organizations. Criminals often exploit darkness and remote terrain to avoid detection. This creates a significant challenge to public safety and homeland security operations. The Goodyear Police Department Special Assignments Unit (SAU) is frequently called upon to support high-risk tactical operations involving armed suspects, narcotics interdiction, and organized crime throughout the valley. Additionally, SAU provides regional assistance to partner agencies during border-related operations and homeland security responses. Our SAU has been called upon to assist Homeland Security Investigations with warrants involving known criminals with ties to transnational criminal organizations linked to human trafficking and drug trafficking. The DEA has also requested Goodyear SAU assistance to interdict a vehicle loaded drugs crossing the border on a different occasion. SAU's current night operations are severely limited by a lack of sufficient night vision capability within the department, placing both officers and the community at risk. The Goodyear Police Department is requesting UASI funding assistance to acquire 25-night vision observation devices for deployment within SAU to reduce operational gaps. The total estimated cost of this project is \$391,000. These devices will allow tactical operators to effectively identify, track, and interdict threats in low-light and no-light environments, thereby enhancing operational effectiveness and safety. The requested equipment will directly support the following missions:

- Border Security and Crisis Response: Enhance the detection and interdiction of human smuggling and narcotics trafficking operations connected to cross-border criminal activity.
- Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places: Strengthen the ability to monitor and secure large-scale public gatherings, entertainment districts, and critical infrastructure during nighttime operations.
- Regional Mutual Aid: Provide enhanced tactical support to surrounding jurisdictions within the UASI region during joint operations, including border-related incidents and terrorism response. Night vision observation devices are force multipliers for tactical operators, without advance equipment operations are limited to artificial lighting, placing operators at risk. The strategic benefits of this investment include:

- Improved Border Crisis Response: Goodyear's location along smuggling routes positions SAU to play a key role in intercepting threats moving north from the border.
- Enhanced Regional Security: The devices will enable coordinated responses to large-scale incidents, such as attacks on soft targets, where night operations are expected.
- Officer and Community Safety: Operators will be able to conduct covert surveillance and tactical movement, minimizing risks to themselves and civilians.
- UASI Goal Alignment: This project supports the National Priority Areas of combating domestic violent extremism, enhancing protection of soft targets and crowded places, and increasing intelligence, information sharing through operational effectiveness and supporting border crisis response and enforcement.
- Strategic Leadership Alignment: The increased capability is directly in line with the Police Chief's strategic plan for the Police Department, which includes equipping officers with advanced tools to meet emerging threats and expanding SAU to transition into a full-time, dedicated team. This project strengthens that vision by ensuring that the unit's future operational capacity is matched with the necessary equipment resources. The Goodyear Police Department will maintain, store, and service the devices through existing departmental resources throughout the equipment lifecycle. Training on use and maintenance will be integrated into ongoing SAU training programs. This ensures that the devices will provide long-term

operational capability beyond the grant period. The requested 25- night vision observation devices, at an estimated cost of \$391,000, are a critical enhancement to the Goodyear Police Department SAU's ability to protect the community and support regional homeland security missions. By improving nighttime operational capacity, this project will directly enhance border security, protect soft targets and crowded places, and strengthen regional resilience against evolving threats. This request is consistent with the Chief's strategic plan to expand the SAU into a full-time unit and ensure it is properly equipped to provide professional, innovative, and effective service in the face of evolving challenges.

Organization Name:

Goodyear Police Department

COMMENTS / REVIEW

Funding Year: 2026**Performance Period:** October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027**Award Letter Date:** September 21, 2026**Award Docs Return by Date:** Sunday, Jan. 31, 2027**Award Exp Start Date:** Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026**EHP:** A**Applicant Title:**

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AGENCY DEMOGRAPHICS

Number of sworn personnel: 185

Specialized Team Project Supports: SWAT

Number of personnel on Specialized Team Project Supports: 20

INITIATIVES

Is this project a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA)?: Yes

Initiatives:

Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response & Decontamination Capabilities

Project Type: Establish/enhance regional response teams

Is this project also submitted in SHSGP?: No

Does this project support a National Priority Area?:

Yes

Explain how this project supports the National Priority Area you selected above.:

The City of Goodyear, located in the rapidly growing West Valley of the Phoenix metropolitan area, is impacted by the ongoing border crisis due to its proximity to major smuggling and trafficking corridors originating at the U.S.–Mexico border. Interstates 8 and 10, Maricopa County Route 85, and State Route 238 serve as primary northbound routes into the Phoenix metropolitan area and are frequently exploited for human smuggling, narcotics trafficking, and the movement of transnational criminal organizations. These activities often occur under the cover of darkness and in remote terrain, creating significant public safety and homeland security challenges. The Goodyear Police Department Special Assignments Unit (SAU) plays a supporting role in regional border enforcement and interdiction efforts. SAU conducts high-risk tactical operations involving armed suspects, narcotics interdiction, and organized criminal activity, and provides support to federal and regional partners homeland security operations. The unit has assisted Homeland Security Investigations with warrants targeting transnational criminal organizations involved in human and drug trafficking and has supported the Drug Enforcement Administration in intercepting narcotics-laden vehicles originating from the border. SAU's ability to operate safely and effectively at night is currently limited by insufficient night vision capability, increasing risk to officers and the community. This project will enhance Goodyear's capacity to support nighttime border enforcement operations, regional task force missions, and the protection of soft targets and crowded places.

1. What is the terrorism threat your area faces that will be addressed by this project?:

Other

Describe "Other" Terrorism Threat(s):

The City of Goodyear is geographically located in the western part of the Phoenix metropolitan area. This area has been directly impacted by the ongoing border crisis due to its close proximity to major smuggling routes into the United States from Mexico. The routes include major interstates 8 and 10 as well as Maricopa County roads MC 85 and State Route 238. The roadways serve as major travel points from Mexico to the Phoenix Metropolitan area. These corridors facilitate human smuggling, drug trafficking, and the movement of transnational criminal organizations. Criminals often exploit darkness and remote terrain to avoid detection. This creates a significant challenge to public safety and homeland security operations. Much of this criminal activity is funded and carried out under the direction of Mexican drug cartels which have been designated as terrorist organizations and pose a significant threat anywhere they operate.

2. Explain how this project will assist your agency in preventing/protecting against/mitigating/responding to/recovering from all hazards events and threats including your chosen terrorism threat in question 1.:

The Goodyear Police Department Special Assignments Unit (SAU) is frequently called upon to support high-risk tactical operations involving armed suspects, narcotics interdiction, and organized crime throughout the valley.

Additionally, SAU provides regional assistance to partner agencies during border-related operations and homeland security responses. Our SAU has been called upon to assist Homeland Security Investigations with warrants involving known criminals with ties to transnational criminal organizations linked to human trafficking and drug trafficking. The DEA has also requested Goodyear SAU assistance to interdict vehicles loaded drugs crossing the border on a different occasions. SAU's current night operations are severely limited by a lack of sufficient night vision capability within the department, placing both officers and the community at risk. This project would provide us with the capability to operate more efficiently and effectively particularly in night time operations. The project will also enhance SAU's ability to operate more safely against any potential hostile, criminal or terror related activity.

3. Mission Area > Core Capability:

- Respond › On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement

3a. Capability Target > POETE > Gap:

- Within 4 hour(s) of an incident, provide security and law enforcement services to protect emergency responders and 54,000 people affected. › Equipment › Law enforcement

4. What resources does your agency currently have to support the capability target selected above?:

The Goodyear Police Department currently has a Special Assignments Unit with 20 personnel that would respond to any critical needs related to terrorism or any type of regional assistance request for SWAT assets and any type of law enforcement function as well as a CBRNE responses however we are lacking the ability to function as a team during any night time operations with enhanced optics capability.

5. How will this project help your agency to achieve the capability target selected above?:

This project will allow Goodyear Police Department SAU to bring a more well rounded and effective capability to any regional response to terrorism, cbrne operations or any critical incident where a regional response is appropriate or requested. The ability to operate safely and effectively during night time operations with Night Observation Devices will allow the Goodyear Police Department to better support any partner agencies as it relates to terrorism, border security related operations and any other criminal activity where our assistance is needed to provide security or law enforcement services to protect emergency responders and the community.

6. Will your agency continue to maintain, support and sustain this capability with other funding sources if Homeland Security grant funds were no longer available?: Yes

6a. What is your agency's sustainment plan for this capability?:

The Goodyear Police Department would plan to add this capability into our asset replacement program to ensure we can maintain, support and sustain this capability moving forward.

7. Does this project support a NIMS typed resource?: Yes

7a. Select NIMS Typed Resource:

SWAT/Tactical Teams

8. Has your agency previously been awarded Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP, UASI and/or OPSG) funding to support this project/capability?: No

9. Is this a multi-phase project?:

No

10. Will your project benefit more than just your own agency?:

Yes

10a. List which agencies that will have a direct benefit:

All of our regional partners but specifically our capability will assist our federal partners, our neighbors, Buckeye, Avondale, Phoenix, Glendale and Luke AFB.

10b. Describe in detail how the agencies mentioned in question 10a will benefit.:

This project will benefit the surrounding agencies when they request support from our Special Assignments Unit for high risk operations, criminal apprehensions and any regional response requested for an act of terrorism, or law enforcement services after a critical incident.

11. Is your agency prepared to provide up to 25% cash (hard) or in-kind (soft) match and ensure it is tracked and documented should matching funds be a requirement in FFY 2026?:

No

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #1

Develop a project management plan and prepare documents needed to gain approval from the City of Goodyear City Council to accept and send grant funds from the UASI working group.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #2

Complete all procurement documentation, execute purchase orders and/or contracts for purchase, and monitor progress. Review and make modifications if needed to the timeline and schedule for acquisitions. Review overall implementations to identify any potential conflicts with vendors or stakeholders.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #3

Monitor progress, pay for and receive the equipment making modifications if needed. Review overall implementation to identify any potential conflicts with vendors and stakeholders.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER #4

Ensure payments for equipment are completed for this grant cycle. Review the overall implementation to identify any potential conflicts with vendors and stakeholders in reference to billing and reimbursements.

Equipment Item	Age/Condition of Equipment	Qty Requested	Cost Per Unit	Total Requested	Total Awarded
Item Name: Night Observation Devices AEL: 03OE-02-TILA Description: This equipment will be used by our Special Assignments Unit that responds to the most critical situations and provides support to both state and federal partners in the regions. The equipment will be assigned to each team member and integrated through training into their standard response capability. This project will allow tactical operators to effectively identify, track, and interdict threats in low-light and no-light environments, thereby enhancing operational effectiveness and safety.	N/A	25	\$15,640	\$391,000	\$0
				\$391,000	\$0

Equipment Requested Total: \$391,000

Equipment Awarded Total: \$0

Training Item	Backfill / Overtime	Workshops / Conferences	Trainers / Contractors / Consultants		Supplies	Travel	Total Requested	Total Awarded
Training Name: N/A Training Description: N/A Backfill / Overtime Details: N/A Workshops / Conferences Details: N/A Trainers / Contractors / Consultants Details: N/A Supplies Details: N/A Travel Details: N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
							\$0	\$0

Training Request Total: \$0

Training Award Total: \$0

Does your agency have an IPP?:

Yes

IPP Document:

 goodyear_mytep_2026-2028.pdf (https://azdohs.gov/system/files/goodyear_mytep_2026-2028_0.pdf)

Description	Exercise Type	Backfill / Overtime	Workshops / Conference	Contractors / Consultants	Supplies	Travel	Total Requested	Total Awarded
N/A		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
							\$0	\$0

Exercise Requested Total: \$0

Exercise Awarded Total: \$0

Does your agency have an IPP?:

No

Description	Backfill and Overtime	Workshops / Conference	Staff / Contractors / Consultants	Materials	Travel	Total Requested	Total Awarded
N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
						\$0	\$0

Planning Request Total: \$0**Planning Award Total: \$0**

Description	Overtime	Operational Expenses	Staff / Contractors / Consultants	Total Requested	Total Awarded
N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				\$0	\$0

Organizational Activity Request Total: \$0**Organizational Activity Award Total: \$0**

Description	Backfill / Overtime	Personnel / Contractor / Consultant	Travel	Materials	Total Requested
N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
					\$0

M&A Total Requested: \$0**M&A Awarded Total: \$0**

PROJECT REQUEST TOTAL

Cost Category	Total Requested	Total Awarded
Equipment Total	\$391,000	\$0
Exercise Total	\$0	\$0
Training Total	\$0	\$0
Planning Total	\$0	\$0
Organization Total	\$0	\$0
Project Total	\$391,000	\$0
	M&A Amount Requested	M&A Amount Awarded
Management and Administration	\$0	\$0
	Indirect Costs Requested	Indirect Costs Approved
Indirect Costs	No	No

Is your agency seeking indirect costs?: No

Can partial funding be accepted in support of this project?: No

Select a 2026 National Priority Area:

Enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places

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