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## Commission approves security grant

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More efforts are under way to equip public safety vehicles with mobile Internet-connected computer terminals, allowing them to share maps, messages and records in real time.

Tuesday night Bowling Green city commissioners approved two applications for the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, one for \$836,759 and one for \$1.8 million.

Both applications are for money to buy mobile terminals, related hardware and software for in-car systems. The smaller one is for Bowling Green, while the larger would buy equipment for city police and law enforcement agencies in Warren, Allen and Barren counties, and Brownsville. Regarding a similar grant last year, police said redundant applications were submitted to give the city a greater chance of equipping its own cars, if one or the other of the grants was rejected.

Commissioners also approved contracts with four technology companies, which city manager Kevin DeFebbo said were part of installing 50 computers in public safety vehicles. Independence Communications received \$105,200, while Precision Mounting Technologies gets \$49,750, InterAct Public Safety Systems gets \$24,750, and GTSI Corp. receives \$3,989. All the deals were for computer-related equipment under the uniform state pricing contract.

### Tax controls

Commissioners approved creation of a special "lockbox" account to keep occupational tax payments isolated from city employees.


"It's important to understand that 'lockbox' is metaphorical," DeFebbo said. "There's not a box out in the parking lot."

Establishing the account at U.S. Bank is one of the recommendations from auditors reviewing city finance procedures in the wake of former city CFO Davis Cooper's 2005 arrest for embezzling more than \$3 million from insurance tax funds over 20 years.

### Pollution control

Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott & May Engineers of Louisville won approval to do a study predicting how water pollution would spread through local terrain for \$32,570.

As part of a federally mandated runoff water control permit, the city is seeking more data on how water flows and where it might gain pollutants. The engineering study will let city staff plan future pollution control efforts by plugging the resulting predictions into changing local land use, said city engineer Jeff Lashlee.

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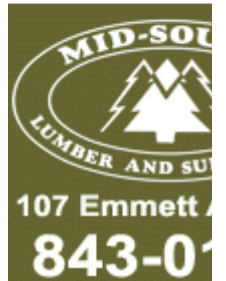
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