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TO
The City Council

DATE
01/09/2026

FROM
The Mayor

**REQUEST FOR LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION DONATION VALUED AT \$1,749,527
TO REPLACE THREE ARMORED SPECIALITY VEHICLES (BPC 25-345)**

Approve and transmitted for your consideration.
Please see attached.



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(Mitch Kamin for)

LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION

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December 12, 2025

BPC #25-345

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Mayor Bass:

RE: LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION DONATION VALUED AT \$1,749,527.00 TO
REPLACE THREE ARMORED SPECIALTY VEHICLES.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, the Board APPROVED the Department's report regarding the above-referenced matter.

Accordingly, this report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICE COMMISSION

November 24, 2025
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

Reviewed:

FROM: Chief of Police



Executive Director

12/3/25
Date

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NON-MONETARY DONATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners APPROVE the Department’s Report and TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council for ACCEPTANCE of the following non-monetary donation valued at \$1,749,527.00 for Metropolitan Division

DONOR:

Los Angeles Police Foundation
Ms. Dana Katz, Executive Director
633 West 5th Street, Suite 960
Los Angeles, California 90071
(213) 489-4636

PURPOSE:

LENCO Armored
Vehicles (#2025-142)

VALUE:

\$1,749,527.00

DISCUSSION

This donation will provide funding to Metropolitan Division to purchase three replacement LENCO armored specialty vehicles. Approval of this donation will replace the aging vehicles which have reached the end of their operational life cycle. The new vehicles will restore full operational capability, reduce maintenance cost, and enhance emergency response capabilities. Modern replacements will provide improved engine performance, update safety systems, and expand functionality to support both tactical response and rescue missions – thereby improving public safety and officer survivability. Below is a list of items to be donated, along with their estimated value.

Items	Value
LENCO BearCat Patriot OSR	\$ 667,438.00
LENCO BearCat Bombcats	590,474.00
LENCO MedCat	491,615.00
Total	\$ 1,749,527.00

The Los Angeles Police Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides critical resources and vital support to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). From essential equipment and state-of-the-art technology to specialized training and innovative

programs that would otherwise be unfunded, the Foundation provides funding that directly improves public safety, impacts officer readiness, and enhances the quality of life of all members of the community. As the largest source of private support for the LAPD, the Foundation is passionately dedicated to ensuring that Los Angeles remains America's safest major city. Since being established in 1998, the Foundation has invested tens of millions of dollars in hundreds of LAPD initiatives that promote excellence, expand capabilities, strengthen neighborhoods and create opportunities for at-risk youth. These actions are grounded in the beliefs that a safe city is a strong city and that together we can make a difference.

The donation has been submitted in accordance with Section 5.467 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, which provides for the receipt and acceptance of donations to the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Cliff Humphris, Metropolitan Division at (213) 352-4800.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

Attachments

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *December 9, 2005*
Secretary *Rebecca Martinez*



APPROVED DONATION

633 W. 5th Street, Suite 960, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Phone (213) 489-4636 FAX (213) 489-4697

email: jacqui@supportlapd.org

11/18/2025

LAPF Grant #	2025-142
Grant Application Received:	November 13, 2025
Grant received from:	Metropolitan Division
Contact:	Captain Cliff Humphris
Phone:	(213) 352-4800
Grant Name:	SWAT Lenco Armored Vehicles
Grant Amount:	\$1,749,527.00

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

LAPF #2025-142

October 22, 2025
16.3

TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST

NAME OF REQUEST: LENCO ARMORED VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

It is requested that Metropolitan Division be approved for the purchase of three replacement LENCO armored specialty vehicles by the Los Angeles Police Foundation, valued at \$1,749,527.00. Approval of this donation benefits the Department as follows:

The Metropolitan Division's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is requesting replacement of the following vehicles:

- 2003 LENCO BEAR – Shop No. 39648
- 2005 LENCO MARS BearCat – Shop No. 39739
- 2008 LENCO MedCat – Shop No. 80115

The above listed armored vehicles have reached the end of their operational life cycle, with aging components and escalating maintenance costs limiting reliability and mission readiness. Over years of service, these vehicles have sustained mechanical wear and outdated technology that no longer meets modern tactical standards reliability.

Frequent maintenance downtime has significantly reduced vehicle availability during critical incidents, limiting the team's ability to respond effectively to high-risk situations. The aging ballistic armor and glass have deteriorated over time, and advances in modern vehicle design now provide superior mobility, enhanced communication systems, and improved interior configurations for both rescue and tactical operations.

Replacing the armored vehicles with new LENCO platforms will restore full operational capability, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance emergency response capabilities. Modern replacements will provide improved engine performance, update safety systems, and expanded functionality to support both tactical response and rescue missions – thereby improving public safety and officer survivability.

Category / Items	Amount
LENCO BearCat Patriot OSR	\$667,438.00
LENCO BearCat BombCat	\$590,474.00
LENCO MedCat	\$491,615.00
Total	\$1,749,527.00

LENCO BEAR

The LENCO BEAR is the oldest armored vehicle in the fleet and serves as a heavy-duty armored rescue and response platform capable of carrying 12 to 15 personnel. Designed for high-risk environments, it offers substantial ballistic protection, including scenarios involving explosive ordnance.

The proposed replacement, the LENCO BombCat, is a specialized armored vehicle purpose-built for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) response operations. Constructed with Mil-Spec steel armor, blast- and fragmentation-resistant floors and ceilings, and ballistic glass, the BombCat enables operators to approach hazardous scenes safely and effectively. Its enlarged rear compartment with a high roof and ramp system accommodates large robotic platforms, improving the ability to deploy tactical robots in high-risk environments.

The BombCat will enable the SWAT Team to:

- Respond to tactical incidents involving suspected explosives or IEDs
- Support multi-agency operations requiring protected robot deployment
- Approach IED threats with greater proximity and minimized personnel risk

LENCO Mobile Adjustable Ramp System (MARS) BearCat

The LENCO MARS BearCat provides critical tactical advantages in operations requiring elevated access, enhanced visibility, and superior ballistic protection. Its adjustable ramp system allows officers to safely engage from elevated positions and access multi-story structures, aircraft, or elevated platforms that would otherwise pose significant danger.

Operational applications include:

- Barricaded subject and hostage rescue incidents
- Counter-sniper and overwatch operations
- High-risk warrant service
- Active shooter and large public venue response
- Disaster response and evacuation from elevated structures

The proposed replacement, the LENCO BearCat with Elevated Tactics features, is equipped with the Patriot 3 OSR (Observation, Surveillance, and Rescue) system. This modernized elevated tactics platform integrates hydraulic elevation, enhanced safety systems, and improved ballistic protection. It allows officers to operate within a controlled, armored environment while maintaining superior situational awareness. The BearCat's advanced mobility and interoperability with existing tactical assets further extend its operational effectiveness across urban, rural, and critical infrastructure environments.

LENCO MedCat

The LENCO MedCat is a purpose-built armored vehicle for Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS), providing life-saving medical support in high-threat environments where traditional ambulances cannot safely operate. It offers Mil-Spec ballistic protection and integrated medical treatment capability, enabling medics to render care in "hot zones" during active incidents.

The proposed replacement MedCat includes significant upgrades, such as:

- Dual litter capacity (compared to a single litter in the current vehicle)
- Integrated oxygen tanks
- Advanced trauma lighting
- IV hooks and improved interior medical configuration
- Water monitor compatible with Los Angeles City Fire Department 2.5-inch hose fitting

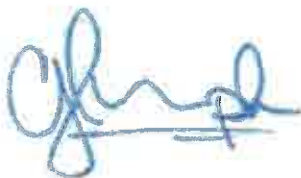
The MedCat's operational advantages include:

- Enabling TEMS medics to provide immediate care and casualty evacuation within high-risk environments
- Offering ballistic, blast, and fragmentation protection for both medical personnel and patients
- Combining tactical transport and medical evacuation functions for greater operational efficiency
- Delivering a protected, mobile trauma environment capable of off-road and compromised infrastructure response

LENCO is a sole-source vendor for these armored specialty vehicles. The existing LENCO vehicles will be exchanged on a one-for-one replacement basis, ensuring operational continuity without expanding the current fleet. Motor Transport Division will continue to provide all maintenance and service support for the new vehicles, consistent with the current maintenance program for existing LENCO units.

The requested LENCO vehicles are constructed on a Ford chassis. Ford parts are covered under the standard Ford Original Equipment Manufacturer warranty. In addition, LENCO provides a three-year manufacturer's warranty on the armored vehicle systems.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please have a member of your staff contact Captain Cliff Humphris, Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division, at (213) 352-4800.



CLIFF HUMPHRIS, Captain
Commanding Officer
Metropolitan Division

APPROVED:



DAVID J. KOWALSKI, Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

APPROVED:



MICHAEL P. RIMKUNAS, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Special Operations

APPROVED:



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

Attachments

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

October 30, 2025

1.1

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 481 EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Police Commissioners REVIEW and APPROVE the acquisition of three LENCO armored specialty vehicles.

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Metropolitan Division Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is requesting to purchase three LENCO armored specialty vehicles through grant funding. This will allow the SWAT Team to maintain full operational capability, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance emergency response capabilities. Modern replacements will provide improved engine performance, update safety systems, and expanded functionality to support both tactical response and rescue missions – thereby improving public safety and officer survivability.

Assembly Bill 481 (AB481) established protocols for law enforcement agencies regarding the funding, acquisition, use, and reporting of equipment specified as "military equipment." Approval for the procurement of any military equipment shall be approved by the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners. Below are the specifications for each of the armored vehicles to be acquired.

DESCRIPTION AND TYPE OF EQUIPMENT

LENCO BombCat

The BombCat, also described as the BearCat EOD, is a specialized armored vehicle purpose-built for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) response operations.

Quantity Possessed: None.

Quantity Requested: One.

Capabilities: Constructed with Mil-Spec steel armor, blast- and fragmentation-resistant floors and ceilings, and ballistic glass, the BombCat enables operators to approach hazardous scenes safely and effectively. Its enlarged rear compartment with a high roof and ramp system accommodates large robotic platforms, improving the ability to deploy tactical robots in high-risk environments.

The BombCat will enable the SWAT Team to:

- Respond to tactical incidents involving suspected explosives or IEDs
- Support multi-agency operations requiring protected robot deployment
- Approach IED threats with greater proximity and minimized personnel risk

Expected Lifespan: 15 to 20 years.

Manufacturer's Description of Equipment: *"The BearCat EOD is designed from the ground up to serve as a mobile base of operations, carrying teams and their gear as close to the action as possible while providing maximum protection. The interior is able to accommodate a large tactical robot and still gives bomb technicians the space and protection they need to do their job with confidence. After the robot exits the vehicle from the built-in curbside ramp, bomb technicians are able to track and control it through a computer station inside the vehicle. An optional high-powered, rooftop camera can be raised for increased visibility. The BearCat EOD also features optional CBRNE equipment to detect and measure levels of radiation and explosive gas. Enhanced communication equipment can also be added to keep the team connected to responders inside and out of the hot zone."*

LENCO Mobile Adjustable Ramp System (MARS) BearCat

The MARS BearCat, also described as BearCat Elevated Tactics, provides critical tactical advantages in operations requiring elevated access, enhanced visibility, and superior ballistic protection. Its adjustable ramp system allows officers to safely engage from elevated positions and access multi-story structures, aircraft, or elevated platforms that would otherwise pose significant danger.

Quantity Possessed: None.

Quantity Requested: One.

Capabilities: The Lenco MARS BearCat is equipped with the Patriot 3 OSR (Observation, Surveillance, and Rescue) system. This modernized elevated tactics platform integrates hydraulic elevation, enhanced safety systems, and improved ballistic protection. It allows officers to operate within a controlled, armored environment while maintaining superior situational awareness. The BearCat's advanced mobility and interoperability with existing tactical assets further extend its operational effectiveness across urban, rural, and critical infrastructure environments.

Expected Lifespan: 15 to 20 years.

Manufacturer's Description of Equipment: *"From SWAT and counter-terrorism to fire and rescue, first responders know that the action doesn't only happen on the ground floor. Lenco's BearCat can be custom-fitted with a strong, lightweight Elevated Tactics System (ETS) Mobile Adjustable Ramp System (MARS), turning America's most trusted tactical armored vehicle into the ideal assault and rescue solution for a wide range of multi-story scenarios. The BearCat Elevated Tactics System provides rapid intervention capabilities to security teams at airports, marine ports and other building complexes. Unique ETS platforms include the Patriot3 MARS, the MIT ARES or the UK-based Force Development Services VBIS. ETS platforms are The MARS is available with single or dual, side-by-side hydraulic ramps, giving teams access to two different elevated heights simultaneously. Depending on the chosen configuration, the BearCat Elevated Tactics System can achieve the highest access of any armored platform in the world."*

LENCO MedCat

The Lenco MedCat, also known as the BearCat Medevac, is a purpose-built armored vehicle for Tactical Emergency Medical Services, providing life-saving medical support in high-threat environments where traditional ambulances cannot safely operate. It offers Mil-Spec ballistic protection and integrated medical treatment capability, enabling medics to render care in "hot zones" during active incidents.

Quantity Possessed: None.

Quantity Requested: One.

Capabilities: The Lenco MedCat is an armored medical evacuation vehicle designed to safely extract and treat injured individuals in high-threat environments where standard ambulances cannot operate. Built on the proven BearCat platform, it provides ballistic protection with Mil-spec steel armor and ballistic glass, allowing tactical medics to work in high-threat environments.

The interior is configured as a mobile trauma unit with space for litters, oxygen, IV hooks, trauma lighting, and medical supply storage, enabling on-scene treatment and stabilization. It supports law enforcement and EMS missions by combining mobility, protection, and medical capability in one versatile platform.

Expected Lifespan: 15 to 20 years.

Manufacturer's Description of Equipment: *"SWAT and Tactical EMS teams often face life-saving scenarios that require advanced medical care in the middle of the "hot zone." Lenco's BearCat Medevac G2, better known as the "MedCat," provides a safe and effective space to give trauma cases immediate attention and the ability to quickly move the patient out of harm's way, to the nearest medical facility outside of the hostile environment.*

Based on Lenco's proven G2 or G3 variants, the MedCat comes standard with on-board oxygen tanks, a lighted workstation with power inverter, overhead trauma lighting, IV hooks, suction and benches designed for rapid response litters. The MedCat also offers a variety of optional features designed to support Tactical EMS operations.

The armored body is constructed from Mil-spec steel armor, providing superior protection from high-caliber weapons, as well as storm-blown debris. A standard roof hatch and access ports give the MedCat full tactical capability for Response & Rescue missions."

PURPOSES

The **LENCO BombCat**, **MARS BearCat**, and **MedCat** serve specialized tactical roles:

- The BombCat is an armored explosive-ordnance disposal (EOD) and vehicle intervention platform built to protect bomb technicians while providing blast-resistant standoff, secure transport/storage for robots and render-safe tools, and safe approaches to suspect devices.
- The MARS BearCat is a force-projection vehicle fitted with a hydraulic ramp and platforms to gain rapid access to elevated positions (second-story windows, rooftops, aircraft) for rescues, tactical entry, and counter-sniper or breach operations.
- The MedCat is an armored medical evacuation and treatment vehicle that allows tactical medics to enter hot zones, stabilize casualties inside a protected environment, and evacuate wounded personnel where standard ambulances cannot safely operate.

FISCAL IMPACT

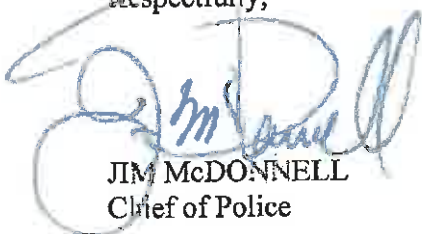
The estimated initial purchase cost is \$1,749,527.00, with zero impact to the LAPD or to the City of Los Angeles. The three vehicles requested will replace existing aging LENCO armored vehicles. The LENCO vehicles will be exchanged on a one-for-one replacement basis, ensuring operational continuity without expanding the current fleet. Motor Transport Division (MTD) will continue to provide all maintenance and service support for the new vehicles, consistent with the current maintenance program for existing LENCO units.

Source of Funding: A Los Angeles Police Foundation Grant request is being processed to fund the total cost of the armored vehicles.

Mechanisms to Track the Annual Usage, Inventory and Costs: Mechanisms to track the deployment, annual usage, inventory, and costs will be maintained through established Department asset management and fiscal tracking systems. Vehicle usage will be logged through MTD's fleet management system, which records mileage and maintenance history. These combined tracking mechanisms ensure transparency, accountability, and efficient lifecycle management of all vehicles and related equipment.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please have a member of your staff contact Captain Cliff Humphris, Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division, at (213) 352-4800.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police