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### Birmingham City Council Approves Shot Spotter

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- Final plans are being made to put a watchful ear on the streets Birmingham.

The City Council on Tuesday voted to move forward with a plan to install shot spotters throughout the city.

The electronic sensors will activate and record gunfire as far as two miles away then automatically call police to report the incident.

The project will be financed through a \$987,000 grant.

Greg Rowland, the V.P. of Shot Spotter said the devices can save two to three lives a month by allowing the police get there fast enough to catch a criminal in the act.

According to the book "Spying With Maps" by Mark Monmonier, Shot Spotter triangulates gunfire, along with backfiring cars and fireworks.

It stores a sound snippet for human confirmation.

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