

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/12/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0737

LOG NAME: 35FY23 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify the Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Fiscal Year 2023 Bullet-Resistant Vest Grant Program in an Amount Up to \$6,000.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Office of the Governor, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2023 Bullet-Resistant Vest Grant Program in an amount of up to \$6,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, (1) by \$6,000.00 subject to the receipt of the grant, and (2) by \$6,000.00 as a transfer from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund, as the City's match requirement, for a total of \$12,000.00, for the purpose of funding Bullet Proof Vests.
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DISCUSSION:

Created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), reimburses states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers.

The Fort Worth Police Department is requesting to apply for the BVP Fiscal Year 2023 Bullet-Resistant Vest Grant Program in the amount of up to \$6,000.00 for costs associated with the purchase of a bullet-resistant vest for the Abandon Vehicle Enforcement Unit (AVE). The AVE Unit assists law enforcement on all major accidents within the city limits that occur on the major thoroughfares to assist in blocking traffic during an accident investigation. These new funds will expand access to critical protective equipment in the AVE unit. If awarded, the allowable use of funds is limited to the purchase of bullet-resistant vests compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

Matching funds are required under this grant program. The federal portion of the costs for body armor vests purchased under the BVP Program may not exceed 50 percent. Matching funds will come from Fiscal Year 24 Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Fund.

Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) ratifies the submission of the grant that was due on June 30th, 2023. Ratification is necessary due to the internal review and approval process for new grants prior to getting M&C approval and meeting the grant application deadline. The City Manager's Office was consulted prior to the application to determine the appropriateness of proceeding with a ratified grant application.

The grant will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: U.S. Department of Justice

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance and the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Crime Control and Prev Dist and Grants Operating Federal Funds. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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