


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	29	Roll Call:	20-0833
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership through the Department of Justice.

SYNOPSIS:

The City Police Department seeks approval to submit an application for funding from the Department of Justice through the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Program. This program would reimburse up to 50% of the costs of purchasing individual ballistic vest for all officers. The program is considered a cost share program instead of a grant to avoid issues of supplanting. The program will require annual application and federal funding approval based on the estimate number of vests needed. All officers are eligible to receive \$750 to purchase a new vest as a recruit and every five (5) years per the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) guidelines, due to daily wear and the constant change in ammunition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$63,750 (anticipated replacement of 170 vests at \$750 each is \$127,500)

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership 50%	\$63,750
The Police Department 50%	\$63,750

Funding Source: The Police operating budget found on page 198 in the Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Currently the police department allows officers to purchase their vest individually with a \$750 stipend. The officer is measured by the supplier and the vest is manufactured to the specific measurements. The officer then submits a receipt that includes the serial number and the date of purchase. The information from the receipt is recorded in a data base due to the recommended life of the vests being five (5) years based on daily wear and the constant changes in available ammunition.

- The requirements of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership include:
 - The vest to be purchased for the Bulletproof Vest Program must meet or exceed the NIJ protection ratings
 - Be uniquely fitted to the officer
 - A mandatory wear policy

- The police department is revising the policy regarding the mandatory wearing of the ballistic vests associated with the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Application is submitted annually.

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