



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



November 9, 2021

ITEM TITLE

Grant Award: Accept Grant From U.S. Department of Justice for Bulletproof Vest Partnership

Report Number: 21-0200

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: Police

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution accepting \$13,459 grant funds and appropriating said funds to the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program **(4/5 Vote Required)**.

SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$13,459 to the Police Department for the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant program. The BVP funding will pay for 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests for police officers. Matching funds are already included in the Police budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

On June 16, 1998, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 was signed as law. The purpose of the Act is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping States and units of local government equip their law enforcement officers with armor vests. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) is a program of the U.S. Department of Justice administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The program is designed to pay up to 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests for law enforcement officers. BJA announces BVP funding opportunities on an annual basis.

In April 2021, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced the Bulletproof Vest Program (BVP) funding opportunity for its fiscal year 2021 allocation. The Police Department applied for funding and was recently notified by BJA that the application was approved. The Department has been receiving BVP awards since 2000 and has been awarded \$13,459 for the fiscal year 2021 funding period. Fiscal year 2021 BVP funds remain available until August 31, 2023.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in the appropriation of \$13,459 to the supplies and services category of the Police Grants sections of the Federal Grants fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for accepting these grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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