



MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU:
FROM: Mike Reynolds, Police Chief
DATE:
SUBJECT: 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a matching grant award from the 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program and a budget adjustment in the amount of \$11,990 for the scheduled replacement of expiring body armor vests of current officers and outfitting new officers with body armor. Matching funds in the amount of \$11,989.80 are budgeted within the Police Ballistic Protection (#13011-1) project of the Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND:

The BVP, created by the BVP Grant Act of 1998, is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1998, the Fayetteville Police Department has obtained grant funding in excess of \$225,000 for the purchase of body armor vests through this partnership. The BVP program provides an important component to the continuing health and welfare of our police officers. All state-of-the-art body armor is custom-made to the wearer's exact specifications with a five-year guaranteed life. This ensures all officers have level IIIA vest protection, which is the best defense available for our personnel.

DISCUSSION:

The anticipated cost to replace 30 body armor vests is approximately \$30,834.30. This grant funding by BVP will provide 50% reimbursement for a maximum of \$399.66 per vest (or \$11,989.80 for 30 vests) of the City's expense for the replacement of each body armor vest, which is currently priced at \$1,027.81, including tax. The Police Department has planned for this grant matching requirement through the attached 2021-2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) budget process. The City must match the grant allotment of \$11,989.80 plus any overage.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The City's total expenses is \$18,844.50, which consists of the award match in the amount of \$11,989.80 plus the additional expense of \$6,854.70. Matching funds in the amount of \$11,989.80 are budgeted within the Police Ballistic Protection (#1301101) project of the Capital Improvements Plan.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), BJA AWARD NOTIFICATION (#5)

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