



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 15, 2022

DATE: February 15, 2022
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Approval to submit grant application for Rifle-Resistant Body Armor for the Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$20,000 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the purchase of 40 additional pieces of rifle resistant body armor for Corpus Christi Police Department officers.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, to equip Corpus Christi Police Department officers with 40 additional rifle-resistant body armor pieces.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) currently has 425 rifle-resistant pieces of body armor issued to its officers. The grant will cover the next Police Academy which begins in July 2022 and graduates in March 2023. The July 2022 Academy is expected to have 35 cadets. The grant will provide 40 additional rifle-resistant pieces of body armor which will completely supply the July 2022 Academy class upon graduation. To date, all sworn officers have been issued rifle-resistant body armor.

The rifle-resistant body armor is issued to officers in addition to their regular field operations body armor. The rifle-resistant body armor is rated at Level IV. Regular field body armor is rated and Level II and is issued to cadets while they are in the Academy.

This is the first year that the City has applied for this grant. The Police Officers Association purchased the original issue of 425 rifle-resistant pieces of body armor. This is the first purchase of rifle-resistant body armor that the City has applied for because previously there was not a need since CCPD had enough to pieces of rifle-resistant body armor to issue to all officers.

The project period is from September 1, 2022 through August 30, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to apply for the grant funding which will result in CCPD not being able to provide its next Police Academy with the rifle-resistant body armor without making an unplanned purchase from the Police General Fund Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact at this time.

Funding Detail

Fund 1061
Organization/Activity: Police Grant Fund
Mission Element: 151
Project # 821607S
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution