



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 25, 2023

**DATE:** July 25, 2023  
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**Acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program for the Corpus Christi Police Department**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the FY 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$3,257.57 for partial reimbursement of the purchase of 20 additional pieces of body armor; and appropriating \$3,257.57 in the Police Grants Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

Federal funding has been awarded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the partial reimbursement purchase of 20 additional pieces of body armor to equip Corpus Christi Police Officers.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) received \$3,257.57 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of 20 additional pieces of body armor. The 20 additional pieces of body armor are rated Level II by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). As defined by NIJ, Level II body armor will stop higher velocity rounds from both handguns and rifles. It is recommended that public safety officers wear Level II body armor for this reason.

The original application was for 20 additional pieces of body armor to outfit the graduating academy which would have had a total cost of \$16,000.00. However, the grant program has "small jurisdiction priority funding," which means that it prioritizes the awarding of grant funds to jurisdictions with less than 100,000 residents. If there are grant funds remaining after awarding grant funds to jurisdictions with less than 100,000 residents, additional awards are made to jurisdictions with 100,000 or more residents.

For FY 2022, the amount being awarded to the City is \$3,257.57, which will partially reimburse the Corpus Christi Police Department for the purchase of the 20 additional pieces of body armor. The matching requirement to fully fund the purchase of the 20 additional pieces of body armor is already budgeted in the FY 2023 General Fund. With the purchase of the 20 additional pieces of body armor, CCPD will have a total of 491 pieces of body armor.

All CCPD sworn officers are issued their own individual piece of body armor. In order to continue supplying CCPD's sworn officers with their own individual pieces of body armor, for FY 2024, CCPD will budget for an additional 88 pieces of body armor. This will help to replace pieces of body armor that are no longer useful due to age or wear and tear and also for newly sworn officers graduating from the Police Academy.

This is the eleventh time that the City has received this grant. The last time the City received this grant was in 2010.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is to not accept the grant and not receive funding assistance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The financial impact is the addition of \$3,257.57 in the Police Grants Fund. The matching requirement to fully fund the purchase of the 20 additional pieces of body armor is already budgeted in the FY 2023 General Fund.

**Funding Detail**

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	Police Grant Fund
Mission Element:	29
Project #	820839F
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the grant award and appropriating the funds, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance