



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 30, 2024

DATE: January 30, 2024
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Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the FY 2024 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$205,865.52 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the FY 2024 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for 28 replacement bullet-resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution will approve the submission of a grant application to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division for a bullet-resistant shields grant. State funding is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the purchase of bullet-resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

CCPD is applying for \$205,865.52 for the FY 2024 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant. If awarded the grant, the grant funds will allow CCPD to purchase 28 replacement bullet-resistant shields. The 28 bullet-resistant shields will be assigned to Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officers. The 28 bullet-resistant shields will be Level III, which are ideal for tactical teams such as SWAT. Level III shields protect against handguns and rifles. The SWAT officers will carry the bullet-resistant shields with them in their assigned take home units. This will allow for the SWAT officers to have the bullet-resistant shields available for immediate response to critical incidents such as an active shooter, armed barricaded subjects, or hostage type situations. SWAT officers are also assigned to patrol duty and carry their assigned bullet-resistant shields in their patrol units across the City in order to readily respond to critical incidents.

These grant funds may be used to equip peace officers directly employed by a law enforcement agency. The applications will be prioritized by the Governor's Office in the following order:

- 1) Peace officers directly employed by school districts
- 2) Peace officers contracted by school districts; and
- 3) Other peace officers that may respond to school safety emergencies

There are five school districts, twenty-five private schools, a community college, and a state university within CCPD's jurisdiction. On-duty CCPDS officers regularly respond to calls for service at these schools, and one hundred twenty-four CCPD officers work off-duty security in these schools. SWAT officers are assigned to patrol and respond to calls for service at these locations as well. SWAT officers who are "off-duty" will also respond to critical incidents and have their assigned bullet-resistant shields and equipment with them.

The first time this grant became available was in 2023. In 2023, the City was awarded \$154,059.50 for the purchase of 41 bullet-resistant shields for patrol vehicles across the City. CCPD has ordered the 41 bullet-resistant shields and is awaiting their delivery within the next six months.

The project period is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not submit the grant; however, SWAT will continue to respond with their currently assigned bullet-resistant shields which are not up to date due to recent advancements in ballistics. Additionally, SWAT's current bullet-resistant shields have exceeded their useful life expectancy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact at this time. There is no cash match required for this grant.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	Police Grant Fund –
Dept:	152
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution