



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 11, 2022

DATE: September 12, 2022
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**Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division
for funding available under the FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$220,085.00 to the State of Texas under the FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for the purchase of 32 new bullet-resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

SUMMARY:

This is a grant applying for state funding which is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the purchase of 32 new bullet-resistant shields.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) is applying for \$220,085 for the purchase of 32 new bullet-resistant shields through the State of Texas' FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant. The bullet-resistant shields will be placed in CCPD patrol units in different districts across the city. Currently, CCPD only has SWAT shields, which are much heavier and less transportable than the bullet-resistant shields being applied for in this grant application. The new, mobile bullet-resistant shields will allow CCPD officers to carry them in their vehicle units and in the field. This is the first time that the City has applied for this grant.

If awarded, the grant funds must be used to equip peace officers directly employed by a law enforcement agency. The grant 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
- 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. 124 CCPD officers work off-duty security in these schools and on-duty officers respond to calls for service at these schools.

The project period is September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant. However, this will result in having to find funds, if available, in the General Fund in order to purchase the bullet-resistant shields. Since CCPD currently only has SWAT shields, this would cause CCPD to lose out on much needed bullet-resistant shields for its non-SWAT officers in the field.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

Funding Detail

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution