



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 13, 2023

**DATE:** June 13, 2023  
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### Bullet-Resistant Shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing the purchase of 41 bullet-resistant shields from GT Distributors, Inc. of Austin, Texas, through BuyBoard Cooperative, for the Corpus Christi Police Department in the amount of \$154,059.50, with funding from the Police Grants Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This motion authorizes the purchase of 41 bullet-resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department from GT Distributors Inc., of Austin, Texas. This purchase is based on the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program, which equips law enforcement officers with bullet-resistant shields.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The funds that will be used to purchase the 41 bullet-resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) were received from the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program. The purpose of this grant program is to equip law enforcement officers with bullet-resistant shields that are compliant with the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) standards. The shields being purchased from GT Distributors, Inc. meet NIJ's criterion, as verified by the State of Texas as part of the grant's requirements.

These shields are needed by CCPD because CCPD currently does not have bullet-resistant shields that will fit in the trunk of its patrol vehicles. Also, these bullet-resistant shields can more easily be carried by sworn officers into an incident, unlike CCPD's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team's much heavier and bulkier riot shields. Furthermore, the bullet-resistant shields will help sworn officers defend against rifle rounds, not just handgun rounds. Once received, the 41 bullet-resistant shields will be strategically placed in individual CCPD police units.

This is the first time that the City applied for and received this grant, as it was the first time that the State offered this grant.

CCPD also has submitted another grant request for funding to be used for the purchase of additional

bullet-resistant shields. However, notice of the grant award is pending and not expected until later this year.

**PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

This procurement is through the BuyBoard Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with local and state procurement requirements.

GT Distributors, Inc. is a frequent and historical supplier to the Corpus Christi Police Department. Through competitive lower costs, product availability, and lead times, GT Distributors, Inc. has been able to reliably supply CCPD with their equipment needs. CCPD has been and remains satisfied with GT Distributors, Inc.'s service and quality control of products.

The bullet resistant shields offered through GT Distributors, Inc. are compliant with the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) standards, as required by the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program.

GT Distributors, Inc. offers 41% discount pricing through the BuyBoard cooperative contract. In comparison to other competitive price quotes from the BuyBoard that were received by the City, they have reduced pricing by 48%.

<b>UNIT</b>	<b>GT Distributors, Inc.</b>	<b>Galls</b>	<b>Safariland</b>
Price Per Unit	\$3,750	\$5,559	\$7,995
Price for 41 Units	\$153,750	\$227,912	\$327,795

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to purchase the shields and then the funding would be returned to the State. However, CCPD needs these shields in order to keep adequate supply numbers for availability to sworn officers. If this purchase is not approved, it will delay the supply and issuance of the shields to sworn officers who need them while on patrol.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact for FY 2023 will be to the Police Grants Fund which provides \$154,059.50 for the purchase.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund: 1061  
Account: 520090  
Organization/Activity: 822911S  
Amount: \$154,059.50

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase from GT Distributors inc., of Austin, for the purchase of 41 bullet resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Price Sheet