



Staff Report

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**File #:** 21-0999

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**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**DATE:** 11/03/2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Police Department

**SUBJECT:**

Acceptance of the 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership award from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Through the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act was designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement agencies in outfitting police officers with ballistic vests. The City Council will consider accepting and allocating funding from this grant.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**  
**That the City Council**

- a. Authorize the acceptance of the federal Fiscal Year 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership funds in the amount of \$12,733.
- b. Appropriate \$12,733 of onetime money from the unappropriated General Fund Balance to be reimbursed from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and increase the General Fund estimated revenue by the same amount for the program award.
- c. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any required documents that are in compliance with the City Council's actions hereunder.

**BACKGROUND & HISTORY:**

In June 2021, the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance offered grant funding to local law enforcement agencies for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Bulletproof Vest Partnership. The mission of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program is to outfit police officers with ballistic vests. Since 1999, The Bulletproof Vest Partnership program has funded over one million vests.

**ANALYSIS:**

In October 2021, the Police Department was notified that the grant application was approved for the 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. The Corona Police Department was awarded this grant seventeen times since first applying in 2000.

Ballistic safety vests are provided to officers as per the police officer's Memorandum of Understanding up to \$1,150 every five (5) years. The City of Corona has certified a "mandatory-wear" body armor policy for all uniformed officers, as required for application of the grant. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership will fund up to 50 percent of the cost of each qualifying vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement applicants. The City will purchase approximately 57 vests for Fiscal Year 2022. This grant will provide 50 percent funding for approximately 22 of those vests. Only vest models that comply with the requirements of the Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice, or NIJ, and are purchased after April 1, 2021, may be purchased with 2021 grant funds. The program requires that the applicant jurisdiction be responsible for providing at least 50 percent of the cost of each qualifying vest purchased. The reimbursement period ends August 31, 2023.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The City will receive \$12,733 for 50 percent reimbursement of bulletproof vests purchases. Approval of the recommended actions will increase the Fiscal Year 2022 Police Department's budget and revenue estimates by \$12,733, in the General Fund. Any unused funding will carry forward into Fiscal Year 2023.

| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Adopted Budget - FY 2022 Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures  | \$ 14,593,660        |
| Less Measure X Reserves                                       | (13,144,418)         |
| Previously Approved/Revised Budget Adjustments (Net)*         | (56,501)             |
| Current Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures                   | 1,392,741            |
| FY21 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Award - Revenue Increase    | 12,733               |
| FY21 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Award - Appropriation       | (12,733)             |
| <b>Revised Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures</b>            | <b>\$ 1,392,741</b>  |
| Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - Estimated 06/30/2021      | 27,665,595           |
| Estimated FY 2022 Change in Budget Balancing Measures Reserve | 1,392,741            |
| <b>Estimated Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - 06/30/22</b> | <b>\$ 29,058,336</b> |

\* Approved through Council Action or other operational process.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the

activity is not subject to CEQA. This action of purchasing ballistic vests is for the purchase of police protective equipment, and there is no possibility this will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

**PREPARED BY:** KOLLEEN HUT, ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE

**REVIEWED BY:** ROBERT NEWMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

**Attachments:**

1. Exhibit 1 - 2021 BVP Application
2. Exhibit 2 - Bulletproof Vest Partnership 2021 Award Announcement
3. Exhibit 3 - FY 2021 BVP Award Allocation Schedule
4. Exhibit 4 - BVP Allocation Status