



# City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 6, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,640.57 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

**ISSUE:**

Accept grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$56,640.57 for the period of November 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$56,640.57 for the period of November 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020;
2. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$56,640.57 into Revenue Account No. 9166300-331100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Account No. 9166300-440110 by the Finance Department for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents associated with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, including the ability to make minor and non-substantive changes.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998, reauthorized in 2000, is an initiative designed to provide critical resources to state and local law enforcement. The purpose of the Act is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping states and units of local government and tribal governments equip their law enforcement officers with armor vests. The City of Riverside has received this award 13 times since 1999 for a total of \$96,863 in grant funds.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program funds will support the City's efforts to assist the police department in obtaining lifesaving equipment.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership will be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Support Services Division. The funding from this grant must be used to pay for 50% of the cost for approved bulletproof vests. The Police Department will cover the remaining portion of cost from its existing budget allocation.

The grant term runs from November 1, 2018, through August 31, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is a 50% match required for this program. Sufficient funds have been appropriated to the Police Department Fiscal Year 19/20 budget in account 3102000-426200 for the purchase of ballistic vests in the amount of \$50,000, which will be used to cover the 50% match required of the grant. Each vest costs approximately \$735, which will allow the department to purchase 77 additional vests with no further impact to the General Fund.

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