



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: AUGUST 16, 2022**
FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,732.28 FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – 2021 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$29,732.28 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and authorize the City Manager to sign grant related documents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$29,732.28 from the 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon receipt of the grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in estimated revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of the grant award in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary grant documents for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, including making 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 to equip their law enforcement officers with armored vests. The City of Riverside has received this award multiple times since 1999, including \$5,849.07 in 2020.

DISCUSSION:

The 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program funds will support the City's efforts to assist the police department in obtaining lifesaving equipment. This grant 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 April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority No. 2 - Community Well-Being** and **Goal 2.4** – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Riverside Police Department is dedicated to improving quality of life by creating a safe environment in partnership with the people it serves. RPD's ability to enforce laws and serve the public interest benefits the City's diverse population, and results in the greater public good.
2. **Equity** – RPD provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. The addition of bulletproof vest funds assists in the achievement of this goal and ensures safer streets for everyone.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This grant will provide partial funding for bulletproof vests, lessening the financial burden on the City's General Fund.
4. **Innovation** – RPD must constantly evolve and adapt to meet the community's changing needs and prepare for the future. This grant provides funding for the Police Department to purchase new bulletproof vests with the newest technology/safety features as they expire and new officers are hired.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The additional funding from this grant ensures the Police Department has the capacity to preserve, adapt, and grow with the needs of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$59,464.56. Grant funds, in the amount of \$29,732.28, will be used to pay for 50% of the cost for approved bulletproof vests. Upon City Council approval and receipt of the grant award, the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, will record an increase in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department, Support Services, 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, Federal Operating Grants revenue account no. 9173200-331100 and appropriate expenditures in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department, Support Services, 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, Federal Operating Grants expenditure account no. 9173200-440110 in the amount of the grant

award. The Police Department will cover the remaining 50% portion of cost, in the amount of \$29,732.28, from the General Fund, Police Department, Support Services, Clothing/Linen/Safety Supplies account No. 3102000-426200.

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Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachment: Application Details/Award Summary