



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Department of Justice 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the Amount of \$10,487.00 to Cover 50% of the Purchase Cost of New Vests

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept grant award for reimbursement of bulletproof vest expenses.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,487 in grant funds to account 061-1026-522.29-00 for 50% of the costs associated with the purchase of bulletproof vests; and,
- B. Accepting and increasing the revenue budget in the amount of \$10,487 in account 061-1026-324.37-00 for the grant award amount; and,
- C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve, as recommended by Staff; or,
- 2. Deny; or,
- 3. Refer back to Staff for recommendation of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

In March 2018, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced that the Fiscal Year 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program application period was open. The BVP covers 50% of the costs of purchasing new bulletproof vests for the officers. The City of Merced Police Department (MPD) submitted an application.

The BJA notified the MPD via email on Wednesday, October 3rd that our application for grant funding

was approved. There are no agreements/contracts that need to be signed. Grant funds are added to the remaining balance available in our account at BJA from previous years' grant balances. The MPD budget accounts for regular replacement of vests as part of its annual budget and will absorb the upfront cost 100%. This is a reimbursement program, so funds will be expended up front and reimbursement requests are submitted by the MPD to BJA as expenses are incurred throughout the grant period. Staff estimate that approximately 25 vests will be purchased as a result of this award

The MPD has received funding from BJA for the BVP program for many consecutive years. City Council has approved accepting the grant funding each of those years.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Each vest carries an upfront cost of approximately \$840 (depending on model). The BVP Grant will reimburse the City 50% for each vest purchased.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Award Notice