

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: March 23, 2012

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept the Dallas Police Department Body Armor Grant

The Dallas Police Department seeks authorization to accept grant funds awarded up to \$68,809 for cost reimbursement to cover 50% of the cost for vest purchased during the period of April 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013. 50% matching funds are included in the current budget. The 16 month Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant was awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-181) and reauthorized by the BVP Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-517) is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$277 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 800,000 vest. The purpose of the Act is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping units of local government equip their law enforcement officers with ballistic vests. The Act funds up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement applicants. Jurisdictions and agencies can fully participate in this program without regard to supplanting. Ballistic vest have a life cycle of 5 years and are specifically fitted to the individual officer.

Participating units of local government are required to provide a 50% match for participation in the program. The Dallas Police Department submitted an application for the 2011 Bulletproof Vest Partnership and was notified that \$68,809 has been awarded to pay for up to 50% of the cost of approximately 250 vests purchased during the period April 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013.

Seeking favorable recommendation, acceptance of the Dallas Police Department Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant will be placed on the City Council Agenda for March 28, 2012.



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