

Upcoming Council Agenda Items

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: July 30, 2010

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Proposal to Accept the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Grant Funds

In a memo dated April 5, 2010, and presented to the Public Safety Committee members on May 12, 2010, the Dallas Police Department's Auto Theft Unit sought approval to apply for grant funds from the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA). The requested amount was for \$626,116.00, with a Cash Match of \$125,451.00 and an In-Kind Match of \$517,923.00. The actual award was for \$607,253.00 and there will be no changes to the Cash Match or In-Kind Matching amounts. The City Council approved the application process at the council meeting conducted on May 12, 2010. The grant period will be from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011.

Once accepted these funds will provide monies for the funding of one sergeant to supervise the grant application process and the required monthly paperwork, one new sergeant position to supervise the field operations and day to day supervision of the officers, three senior corporals working on grant goals related to arrests, crime prevention activities, identifying of vehicles, case filing, locating legal and illegal repair shops, along with responding to call-back duties. This money will also fund one civilian clerk to assist in the office with clerical duties and one Police Research Specialist to track trends related to Auto Theft issues.

The awarding of the funds was determined and announced at a Grant Review hearing in Galveston, Texas on June 16, 2010. On June 29, 2010, the Dallas Police Department was formally notified by mail of the listed award of \$607,253.00. The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to accept this grant and continue this proactive approach to combat the Auto Burglary and Theft problem in the City of Dallas.

With your approval this item will be set for the City Council meeting on August 25, 2010.

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Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: July 30, 2010

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Body Armor Grant

The Dallas Police Department was the recipient of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2009 Regular Solicitation period which ends September 30th, 2011. This reimbursement covers vest purchased during the period of April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2011. The total amount of the reimbursement is \$49,954.

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 11,900 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$173 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 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 that have been purchased have a life cycle of 5 years and 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 2009 Bulletproof Vest Partnership and was notified that \$49,954 has been awarded to pay for 50% of the cost of approximately 233 vests purchased during the period April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to accept these funds.

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Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager