



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Chief Darrell Hunter, Police Department
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: November 18, 2025

GRANT APPLICATION / DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve application to the Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. If approved, this initiative would provide for the 50% of the cost of the bulletproof vests purchased for our Police Officers, up to the maximum request for our agency of \$73,007.55.

Background:

The Delray Beach Police Department requests approval to submit an application to the Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. If awarded, this program would provide 50% of the cost of the bulletproof vests purchased for our Police Officers. The Delray Beach Police Department currently has a Bulletproof Vest award with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and this application represents an opportunity to extend our current award program. Bulletproof vests are necessary life-saving equipment which Law Enforcement Agencies are required to procure. According to the DOJ website, "The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement." The Police Department is projecting one hundred twenty-nine vest purchases (new personnel/turnovers, as well as mandatory replacements which occur on a five-year cycle) in the next two years at a cost of \$1,131.90 per vest for a total of \$146,015.10. The total request from the Bulletproof Vest Program is \$73,007.55, which, if approved, will account for reimbursement of 50% for projected vests.

City Attorney Review:

Approved for form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

001-21-150-521.52-27 (General Fund: Operations-Equipment <\$5,000) and 001-21-110-521.52-27 (General Fund: Support-Equipment<\$5,000). Since this is a two year grant, the subsequent fiscal year funding is subject to future fiscal year budget approval and appropriations of funds.

Timing of Request:

The program application deadline is December 19, 2025.