



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Chief Russ Mager, Police Department
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: June 6, 2023

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 \$27,869.28.

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 about forty-eight 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 \$1,161.22 per vest for a total of \$55,738.56. The total request from the Bulletproof Vest Program is \$27,869.28, which, if approved, will account for reimbursement of 50% for forty-eight vests.

City Attorney Review:

City Attorney recommends...

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

Funding for the bulletproof vests for FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024 will be included in account numbers 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), subject to budget approval and appropriations.

Timing of Request:

This request is time sensitive due to the program application deadline of June 26, 2023.