



Legislation Text

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Consider approving Resolution No. 2018-05 authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant through the rifle-resistant body armor grant program administered by the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division; and take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution R2017-096 was sought in August of 2017 asking the city council to authorize the city manager to apply for and accept a grant through the rifle-resistant body armor grant program through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. The resolution was required by the state as a prerequisite for applying for the grant. It went before the city council on 08-15-2017 and was approved. The grant was applied for and on 01-09-2018 the police department was notified of a granted award in the amount of \$18,510.60.

The Office of the Governor's grant coordinator informed the police department that the awarded funds are on hold pending a new resolution. The funds will be released following the state receiving a resolution containing the following specific verbiage:

- "Designates (insert the title & name of authorized official) as an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant"
- Assurance that "in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD"

DISCUSSION:

The new resolution will release the awarded funds and enable the police department to purchase additional rifle-resistant ballistic vests; allowing for the issuance of a rifle-resistant ballistic vest to each individual officer. This is an important time saving and safety distinction. All officers, whether on duty or not, will have a rifle-resistant ballistic vest readily available and be able to respond to any location, by any means of conveyance, with the utmost protection. This measure covers worst case scenarios. Whereas the current number of rifle-resistant ballistic vests provides protection for the majority of officers in incidents minor and major, it would not be sufficient for a full scale, every officer call out.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Administration recommends accepting a grant from the rifle-resistant body armor grant program through the office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION:

1. I move to approve Resolution 2018-05 to accept a Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant in the amount of \$18,510.60.
2. I move to approve Resolution 2018-05 to accept a Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant in the amount of \$18,510.60, with modifications.
3. I move to table the issue for further study or take no action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2018-05.