AGENDA ITEM #:   18-64

COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator

OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone

PREPARED BY: Capt. George Feole

SUBJECT: United States Department of Justice, Bulletproof Vest Partnership

Derry
NEW HAMPSHIRE
STAFF REPORT

PURPOSE: Consider applying for and accepting funding from the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for Personal Body Armor under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: Recommend passage of Resolution #2018-027

BACKGROUND: Recently we were notified by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that the Derry Police Department is eligible to receive an award under the Fiscal Year 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. We have participated in the program for a number of years.

The FFY18 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests. The awarded funds can be used until August 31, 2020.

Based on our history and current needs, we have projected that we will need to purchase 19 bulletproof vests during this timeframe. We anticipate that the BJA will award us $7,647.50 which is half of the cost of the estimated 19 bulletproof vests. The BJA would reimburse the police department for up to 50% of each vest after the purchase has been made.

DISCUSSION: Authorization is requested for the Town Administrator to accept the grant funds which will not exceed $7,647.50 for the purchase of personal body armor.

FISCAL IMPACT: The acceptance of these funds will have minimal impact on the budget since the purchase of the armor is considered in our operating budget as well as the anticipated revenue received as a result of this program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL: Grant authority to the Town Administrator to apply for, accept and expend without further Town Council action, grant funds associated with the US Dept. of Justice, BJA, FFY18 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of up to $7,647.50.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution Number 2018-027

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