



AGENDA ITEM #: 19-46
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
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

STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 5-21-19

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Town Council is encouraged to adopt Resolution #2019-030.

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 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. We have participated in the program for a number of years.

The FFY19 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests. The awarded funds can be used until August 31, 2021.

Based on our history and current needs, we have projected that we will need to purchase forty-one (41) bulletproof vests during this timeframe. We anticipate that the BJA will award us \$16,523 which is half of the cost of the estimated forty-one 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 \$16,523 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 United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FFY19 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of up to \$16,523.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution Number 2019-030