



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 20-57
COUNCIL MTG OF: May 19, 2020
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

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 Council is encouraged to adopt Resolution #2020-029 which will authorize the Police Department to secure personal body armor for its employees.

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 Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. We have participated in the program for a number of years.

The FFY20 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests. The awarded funds can be used until August 31, 2022.

Based on our history and current needs, we have projected that we will need to purchase fifteen (15) bulletproof vests during this timeframe. We anticipate that the BJA will award us \$6,393.75 which is half of the cost of the estimated fifteen 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 \$6,393.75 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, FFY20 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of up to \$6,393.75.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution #2020-29

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RESOLUTION

Number 2020-029

To Accept a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant for Personal Body Armor

WHEREAS, Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to accept grant funding; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for Personal Body Armor; and

WHEREAS, the Town foresees the need to purchase fifteen vests during this budget period, and the DOJ would reimburse the Town for 50% of the cost of this purchase (\$6,393.75); and

WHEREAS, the availability and use of Personal Body Armor is vital to an officer's safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend such funds derived from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant and to enter into agreements with the DOJ as may be necessary to finalize receipt of this grant funding.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: May 19, 2020

Attest:

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Charles Foote, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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