



AGENDA ITEM #: 21-57
COUNCIL MTG OF: May 18, 2021
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 6-1-21

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 has successfully partnered with the US Department of Justice to cost share in the Bulletproof Vest Program, and the Council is urged to continue this relationship by supporting Resolution #2021-029 after the June 1 public hearing.

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 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. We have participated in the program for a number of years.

The FFY21 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests. The awarded funds can be used until August 31, 2023.

Based on our history and current needs, we have projected that we will need to purchase nineteen (19) bulletproof vests during this timeframe. We anticipate that the BJA will award us \$11,961.35 which is half of the cost of the estimated thirty 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 \$11,961.35 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, FFY21 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of up to \$11,961.35.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution #2021-029

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