

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: Brian Curran, Chief of Police
Chris Blue, Assistant Chief of Police
Kenneth C. Pennoyer, Business Management Director

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2009-2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Funds

DATE: November 23, 2009

PURPOSE

The attached resolution would authorize the acceptance of FY2009-2010 U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant funds in the amount of \$15,669 to enhance the Police Department's efforts to provide safety equipment to officers.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Since 1999, over 11,500 jurisdictions nationwide have participated in the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership, with \$118 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 vests. The Bullet Proof Vest Partnership funds up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement applicants. Only vest models that comply with the requirements of the Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice (NIJ) may be purchased with Bullet Proof Vest Partnership funds. The Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Act of 1998 requires that at least half of all appropriated funds support applications from jurisdictions with populations under 100,000.

In October 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice notified the Police Department that the Department's request for funds had been approved in the amount of \$15,669. These funds would be used to reimburse half the cost of every bulletproof vest purchased by the Police Department.

FISCAL NOTE

The Town would receive a Grant Award in the amount of \$15,669 to support the purchase of bullet proof vests for officers. The Town would submit receipts to the Department of Justice for reimbursement of half of the cost of each vest purchased up to the total amount of the grant. The Police Department will pay for the balance of the cost of each vest from funds budgeted for this purpose in the Police Department operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership grant funds, and that the Council enact the attached budget ordinance amendment appropriating the funds.