

**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

<b>SUBJECT: Accept the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Award</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENTER:</b> Jerry Geier, Chief of Police
	<b>CASE NUMBER:</b> None
	<b>OTHER PRESENTER:</b> None

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Accept grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program to the Goodyear Police Department in the amount of \$21,876.87 and approve the related FY2019 budget transfer for \$21,900 that is required to expend the grant.

**BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership was created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 and reauthorized by the BVP Act of 2000 in which the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) provides bullet-resistant body armor for state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers.

Since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions a total of \$447 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests as of January 2018. The protective vests are responsible for saving countless lives.

In order to qualify for reimbursement, the vests must comply with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standards as of the date the body armor is ordered. The DOJ will reimburse 50% of the cost of the vests with funds available for drawdown for two years from the time of the award announcement.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

It is the policy of Goodyear PD to maximize officer safety through the use of concealable body armor in combination with prescribed safety procedures. The average cost of a ballistic vest can range anywhere from \$750 - \$1100, depending on the level of body armor selected.

Participation in the BVP program aids in off-setting the cost of the vests and guarantees that officers are replacing vests as they expire.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The BVP program is a reimbursement grant in which the city is reimbursed 50% of the cost of a ballistic vest, with the remaining 50% budgeted in the PD FY2019 operating budget as long as the vest is NIJ compliant and the required five-year expiration of the vest has been reached.

Because the grant is unbudgeted, a budget transfer is required.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the acceptance of grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program to the Goodyear Police Department in the amount of \$21,876.87 and approve the related FY2019 budget transfer for \$21,900 that is required to expend the grant.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

BVP Grant Award Email  
Listing of Award Amounts