

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated October 25, 2023

Subject: **2023 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award of \$32,271.05 for the 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the period of April 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$32,271.05 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions;
3. Authorize the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$32,271.05 to an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of BVP grant funds.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$32,271.05 grant award for the 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant award has a performance period of April 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025. This grant has a 50-percent match requirement, which will be fulfilled through the Department's Uniforms Account.

The BVP Program was created by the Bulletproof Partnership Grant Act of 1998 to provide funding for body armor to state and local law enforcement. Requirements for the BVP grant include providing matching funds of at least 50-percent; having a written mandatory wear policy for uniformed patrol officers; and, ensuring that bulletproof vests purchased with BVP grant funds comply with the National Institute of Justice Body Armor Standards.

Acceptance of the 2023 BVP grant will provide funding for approximately 82 new or replacement bulletproof vests. The Department reports that the 50-percent match requirement will be met through funding that is budgeted in its Uniforms Account. This is the 18th year that the LAPD has been a recipient of the BVP grant and has received a total of approximately \$3.5 million in grant funding from the program.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program grant award of \$32,271.05 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This grant has a 50-percent match requirement, which will be fulfilled through the Department's Uniforms Account. Funding is already provided in the Department's 2023-24 Budget.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations stated in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, current operations will be funded by current revenues.

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