

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY  
RESOLUTION 2026-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
FUNDS UNDER THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BODY ARMOR FOR LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT (BARM) GRANT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Introduced By: Town of Cottage City Commission

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City recognize the importance of ensuring the safety and protection of its law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCP) has made available funding through the State Fiscal Year 2027 Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement (BARM) Grant Program to support the procurement of protective body armor for sworn officers; and

WHEREAS, the Cottage City Police Department seeks to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$3,500, with a required local matching contribution of \$3,500, for a total project cost of \$7,000, to procure NIJ-compliant body armor and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City find that participation in this grant program will enhance officer safety, reduce risk of injury, and support the effective delivery of public safety services within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cottage City is required to authorize the submission of the grant application and, upon award, accept and administer the grant funds in accordance with all applicable State and federal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City that:

1. The submission of an application to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy for the SFY 2027 Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement (BARM) Grant Program is hereby authorized.
2. The Town of Cottage City hereby agrees to provide the required local matching funds in the amount of \$3,500, to be allocated from available municipal funds, subject to final award.
3. The Town Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute and submit all necessary application materials, certifications, and supporting documentation required for this grant program.
4. Upon notification of award, the Town Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to accept the grant funds and execute all grant agreements, assurances, and related

documents necessary to implement the project, subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

- 5. The Town Manager and Chief of Police are authorized to administer the grant program, including procurement of equipment, compliance with reporting requirements, and adherence to all conditions of the award.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately and may be signed by the Cottage City Commission.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND**

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John Hoatson, Town Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner

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Julia Salsich, Ward 1, Commissioner

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Reney Henderson Sr, Ward 2, Commissioner

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Demetrius Givens, Ward 4, Commissioner

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John Brooks, At-Large, Commissioner Vice Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, HERBY CERTIFY**, as the duly Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 13th day of May, 2026, with Aye votes Nay votes, Absent, the aforesaid Resolution 2026-13 Bullet Proof Vest.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hoatson, Town Manager