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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: November 6, 2025

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-86: JAG-D Ballistic Plate Carriers

Introduction:

The Eustis Police Department is requesting approval to utilize grant funds allocated through the **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-D)** in the amount of **\$3,814.00** for the purchase of **five (5) Shellback Tactical Rampage 2.0 Plate Carriers** and **NIJ 0101.06 Level III Certified Stand Alone + Special Threats ballistic plates**. The total project cost is **\$4,499.95**, and the Police Department will cover the remaining **\$685.95** from its operational budget.

Background:

The Eustis Police Department continues to focus on officer safety and readiness, particularly in response to high-risk situations such as active shooter incidents and violent confrontations. The Department currently issues Shellback Tactical Rampage 2.0 Plate Carriers to its officers; however, as the agency grows, additional units are needed to ensure that all personnel are properly equipped with the same level of ballistic protection. The new, updated plate carriers will be assigned to the five school resource officers to ensure the highest level of protection and best equipment possible for the safety and protection of students and staff.

The Shellback Tactical Rampage 2.0 Plate Carrier is a lightweight, durable, combat-ready vest designed to hold 10" x 12" ballistic plates. It is constructed from 500 Denier Nylon and features laser-cut MOLLE for accessory attachments, a 3D spacer mesh for comfort, and integrated pouches for radios or magazines. The corresponding NIJ 0101.06 Level III Certified Stand Alone + Special Threats ballistic plates provide advanced protection against numerous rifle and high-velocity ammunition threats. These plates are constructed of advanced ceramic and UHMWPE materials for strength, comfort, and durability, with a ten-year warranty on ballistic performance.

Current Situation:

The Department's current inventory does not include enough plate carriers and ballistic plates to equip newly hired officers. These additional units are necessary to maintain safety standards and operational consistency among all personnel. Procuring the same model and manufacturer currently in use ensures compatibility with existing equipment and minimizes training requirements. As the SRO's are assigned new plate carriers, theirs will be assigned to road patrol in an effort to equip as many officers as possible.

Budget Impact:

The total cost for the purchase of five (5) complete units (plate carriers and ballistic plates) is **\$4,499.95**. The purchase will be funded as follows:

Funding Source	Amount
JAG-D Grant Funds	\$3,814.00
Police Department Operating Budget	\$685.95
Total Project Cost	\$4,499.95

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the use of **\$3,814.00 in JAG-D grant funds** for the purchase of five (5) Shellback Tactical Rampage 2.0 Plate Carriers and NIJ Level III ballistic plates, with the remaining **\$685.95** to be covered by the Eustis Police Department.

This acquisition will enhance officer safety and ensure that all personnel are properly equipped for high-risk response situations.

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