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## **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM**

### **CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

**February 16, 2023**

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**AGENDA TOPIC:** Approval of a Resolution between the City of Fair Oaks Ranch and the Office of the Governor for the bullet-resistant shield grant program and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith.

**START/END DATE:** February 16, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**PRESENTED BY:** John A. Ojeda, Lieutenant

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### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

In November 2022, the Office of the Governor disseminated a grant bulletin to all Law Enforcement agencies in Texas advising they had projected funds for bullet-resistant shield grant program for FY2023. These funds were made available in the aftermath of the Robb Elementary shooting. Upon verifying the department's qualification for receiving the grant, police department staff coordinated with procurement and vendors to determine pricing and completed the application before the deadline established by the Governor's office. This Project would allow the Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department to outfit every patrol vehicle with ballistic shields that may be deployed during an emergency and further provide an additional means of protection for both the officers and civilians.

On January 9, 2023, the Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department received notice from the Governor's office that our application had been accepted and the department was awarded \$61,750.00 to purchase ballistic shields for our patrol division. At the January 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, council approved accepting the funds from the Governor's Office.

Certain conditions of funding were then established which requires the governing body of the requesting agency to pass a resolution that must contain the following:

- Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to OOG that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested.
- A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds.
- A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update OOG should the official change during the grant period.); and
- A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to OOG.

Although language states the City will commit to provide applicable matching funds, staff has verified with program coordinators that no matching funds are required for this grant.

**POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

- This grant award will help supplement the department's current budget by allowing the purchase of needed equipment earlier than anticipated and not cause additional expenditures from the general fund.

**LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

- There is no budgetary impact for the costs of the shields and only minimal impact to department's training budget to conduct training for officers on proper use of said equipment.

**LEGAL ANALYSIS:**

Approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the Resolution between the City and the Office of the Governor for the bullet-resistant shield grant program and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith.