



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 10/09/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Make a motion to authorize Grand Rapids Police Department to apply for and accept \$723.50 from the 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof vest Program and to adopt a resolution accepting the same.

PREPARED BY: Captain Jeremy Nelson

BACKGROUND:

Created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), reimburses states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers.

After the initial purchase of for new officers, bulletproof vests are replaced every five years. The cost of the vests are covered through reimbursement, half by the BVP and half by the State of Minnesota.

The Grand Rapids Police Department has applied for and been awarded reimbursement by this program numerous time in the past 10 years. The amount each year varies depending on the number of vests due to be replaced.

For 2023 the Grand Rapids Police Department has been granted \$723.50 through the BVP. This will cover half of the cost of our new officer's bulletproof vest. There are no other GRPD vests needing replacement during this cycle of the program.

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