



CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

Item Title:	Accept the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant and approve a budget appropriation for \$18,546.07 into the Milpitas Police Department’s operating budget (Staff Contact: Raj Maharaj, 408-586-2416)
Category:	Consent Calendar-Public Safety
Meeting Date:	11/5/2019
Staff Contact:	Raj Maharaj, Milpitas Police Captain, 408-586-2416
Recommendation:	Accept the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant and approve a budget appropriation for \$18,546.07 into the Milpitas Police Department’s operating budget.

Background: The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. The BVP program purpose is to reimburse state and local law enforcement up to fifty percent of body armor costs. The Milpitas Police Department has been participating in the BVP Grant Program consecutively since 2008.

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded the Milpitas Police Department a (BVP) grant in the amount of \$18,546.07. The grant will reimburse the City of Milpitas fifty-percent of the cost for each ballistic vest purchased between April 1, 2019 and August 31, 2021.

Analysis: The Police Officer’s Association Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in § 22.11, compels all uniformed officers to wear a ballistic vest and requires the City of Milpitas to provide each officer with a ballistic vest, and three ballistic vest covers. Officers not in a uniformed assignment, are required to wear a ballistic vest when circumstances dictate the need for the equipment. The life span of a ballistic vest is five years. After a five-year period, all ballistic vests must be replaced as soon as reasonably possible.

The Police Department anticipates purchasing approximately 32 ballistic vests during this award period and the expense will be approximately \$37,092.00. Under this grant, the Department of Justice will reimburse the City of Milpitas fifty-percent of this cost.

Ballistic vests have been proven to save lives. The Chief of Police will continue to require officers to maintain this equipment in good working order and use the equipment consistent with the MOU, policy, and sound officer safety practice.

Policy Alternative:

Alternative: Decline the grant award and the ability to recover fifty-percent of the cost for each ballistic vest purchased through August 31, 2021.

Pros: None

Cons: The grant will reimburse the City of Milpitas fifty-percent of the cost for each ballistic vest purchased by the Milpitas Police Department.

Reason not recommended: Not accepting BVP grant will increase the expenditure for ballistic vests.

Fiscal Impact: Need to approve the budget appropriation of \$18,546.07 for the Police Department operating budget.

California Environmental Quality Act: N/A

Recommendation:

1. Accept the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant,
2. Approve a budget appropriation increasing the Police Department operating budget by \$18,546.07.

Attachments:

- 1) Police Dept. Memo - BVP 2019 Staff Report
- 2) 2019 BVP awards list
- 3) BVP Award Summary for City of Milpitas.
- 4) Budget Change Form