

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS CITY MANAGER
FROM: ERICK W. ZINSER
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY / CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD
DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2023

The Novi Police Department has received an award under the Fiscal Year 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) solicitation in the amount of \$6,750. The BVP, created by the Bulletproof Partnership 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. Since 1999, The BVP has reimbursed more than 13,000 jurisdictions, a total of \$573 million in federal funds for the purchase of over 1.5 million body armor vests.

The FY 2023 award funds may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which are ordered on or after April 1, 2023. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2023 award funds is August 31, 2025, or until all available award funds have been requested.

The City has participated in the BVP Grant since 2001 and has been awarded \$111,393 for the reimbursement of vests. The program provides for 50% reimbursement for vests that we purchase for the officers. We purchase a vest for each officer at the time of hire and then every five years. The five-year replacement follows NIJ and manufacturer guidelines. The purchases are made with funds budgeted annually in the uniform line account.

The current award of \$6,750 will reimburse the City for 50% of the replacement costs of fifteen (15) vests scheduled to be replaced over the next year at an average cost of \$850/vest.

c: Carl Johnson, Finance Director