



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-R-17 A Resolution Accepting a 2027 Missouri Blue Shield Grant Program Award from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of Homeland Security, in the Amount of \$29,069.76 for the Purchase of In-Car and On-Body Camera Equipment.

Submitted By: Brian Sells, Police Chief

Date: September 22, 2026

Issue Statement

Republic Police Department is requesting that City Council authorize the formal acceptance of their 2027 Blue Shield Grant Award for \$29,069.76. Funds will purchase four on-body and four in-car cameras.

Discussion and/or Analysis

- Governor of the State of Missouri, Mike Kehoe, authorized Executive Order 25-03 on January 13th, 2025; thereby establishing the “Blue Shield Program”, a statewide initiative to recognize local governments that are committed to public safety within their community. In addition to the executive order, the State of Missouri allocated \$10 million in grant funding for communities with the Blue Shield designation.
- 25-R-38 passed on September 24th, 2025 authorized the city to join the Governor’s Blue Shield Program.
- \$50,000 was awarded to Blue Shield communities in 2025. The increase in the number of applicants has led to a decrease in the funding awarded to local police departments.
- The City of Republic expects the program to be around for at least another few years. However, we are looking for additional grant funds to meet local needs for equipment.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.