



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2566, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

8/8/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department program titled APD Officer Protective Equipment Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019. A match is not required.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$96,000 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019.

According to FBI data, 455 officers (nationwide) died from head wounds over the last ten years (2008 - 2017). The use of guns in Part I violent crimes in Austin continues to show an upward trend for 2018 as compared to the previous five years (2013 - 2017). The overall number of 2018 Part I Offenses involving firearms was 1,001. The percentage of all Part I Offenses involving firearms was 26%. Justice Assistance funding will allow the City to purchase 342 new and replacement ballistic helmets for defense against impact by projectiles and blasts, and for bump protection.

This is a one-time equipment only project.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses items one through four below.

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. 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 CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.