

POLICE MEMORANDUM
#1-2024

DATE: Jan. 8, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

FROM: James S. May, Jr., Chief of Police *JSM/217*
Peter Rice, Commander

SUBJECT: CR-8 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance

PURPOSE

To consider CR-8, a resolution accepting the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant for \$11,032.07 for bulletproof vests.

BACKGROUND

The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, is a unique DOJ initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions a total of \$573 million in Federal funds for the purchase of over 1,500,000 vests.

On Oct. 2, 2023, the Police Department was awarded \$11,032.07, which may be used for up to 50% in reimbursement of purchase costs for bulletproof vests ordered between Oct. 2, 2023, and Aug. 31, 2024, or until all available funds have been requested.

Prior to receiving funding for reimbursement, the Police Department must meet three BVP requirements, all of which are already part of the department's policies and procedures:

1. Mandatory wear policy
2. Appear on the National Institute of Justice body armor compliant product list on the date product is ordered
3. Uniquely fitted vest requirement, which means:
 - Protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor
 - Conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage through a combination of:
 - Correctly sized panels and carrier determined through appropriate measurement
 - Properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The cost of an officer's uniquely fitted vest is \$1,404.67. The typical lifespan of a vest is approximately five years if undamaged. The number of vests purchased annually fluctuates due to attrition and vest lifespan. The grant funding reimburses half the cost of the vest or \$702.34. Based on the grant award, the Police Department can seek reimbursement for up to 15 vests.

The Police Department plans on purchasing at least nine vests in 2024 based on the normal replacement schedule. An additional 11 vests are allocated for newly hired officers, as well as current vacancies that the department is working to fill. The reimbursement for 20 vests totals \$14,046.80.

The bulletproof vests are funded as part of the officer uniform and equipment purchases in the Police Department's annual budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-8.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, they may contact Chief James S. May, Jr., at jmay@northglenn.org or 303.450.8967.

ATTACHMENT

1. 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Application

CR-8 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPLICATION PROFILE

Participant	NORTHGLENN CITY
Fiscal Year	2023
Number of Agencies Applied	0
Total Number of Officers for Application	70
Number of Officers on Approved Applications	70

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Fiscal Year	2023
Vest Replacement Cycle ⓘ	5
Number of Officers	70
Number of Emergency Replacement Needs ⓘ	Number of Stolen or Damaged Officer Turnover
	0
	11

APPLICATION DETAILS

NIJ#	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Cost	Tax Shipping and Handling	Total Cost
ULW-III A	19	\$1,161.27	\$22,064.13	\$0.00	\$22,064.13
Grand Totals	19		\$22,064.13	\$0.00	\$22,064.13

AWARD SUMMARY FOR FY2023 REGULAR SOLICITATION

Funds Type	Eligible Amount	Award	Date Approved	Status
Regular Fund	\$22,064.13	\$11,032.07	10/02/23	Approved by BVP
Grand Totals:	\$22,064.13	\$11,032.07		

RETURN

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-8
Series of 2024

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A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT AWARD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Northglenn hereby accepts a grant award from the Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership in the amount of \$11,032.07 for the grant application submitted by the Northglenn Police Department for reimbursement of costs for National Institute of Justice-compliant armored vests.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney