

POLICE MEMORANDUM
#12-2026

DATE: July 27, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

FROM: James S. May, Jr., Chief of Police *JSM*
Peter Rice, Deputy Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CR-96 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance

PURPOSE

To consider CR-96, a resolution accepting the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant in the amount of \$13,251.23 for the purchase of 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 to purchase over 1,500,000 vests.

On May 14, 2026, the Police Department was awarded \$13,251.23, which may be used for up to 50% reimbursement of the purchase costs for bulletproof vests ordered between May 14, 2026, and Aug. 31, 2028, or until all available funds have been requested. The Police Department applied for \$28,718.31 but received \$13,251.23. Although the normal application period runs from April through September, this cycle opened in October 2025, and the Department did not receive the award until May 2026. This represents approximately a nine-month delay compared to previous grant cycles, and the Department received 46% of the funding requested. The Police Department has \$642.99 remaining from the previous grant cycle. The Police Department now has \$13,894.22 available for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

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

1. Mandatory wear policy
2. Appear on the National Institute of Justice body armor compliant product list on the date the 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 carriers 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 \$1,511.49. If undamaged, the typical lifespan of a vest is approximately five years. Due to attrition and vest lifespan, the number of vests purchased annually fluctuates. The grant funding reimburses 50% of the cost of each vest, or \$755.75. Based on the grant award, the Police Department can seek reimbursement for up to 18 vests.

The Police Department plans on purchasing at least thirteen vests in 2026, based on the regular replacement schedule. An additional six vests are allocated for new officers hired to fill the Department's current vacancies. The reimbursement for 19 vests totals \$14,359.25, with the difference covered by the remaining balance from the previous grant cycle.

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-96.

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. 2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Application and Award Summary

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APPLICATION DETAILS

1. AGENCY PROFILE

2. APPLICATION

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3. PAYMENT

4. STATUS

5. PERSONAL INFO

HELP

NIJ#	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Cost	Tax Shipping and Handling	Total Cost
BIIIA-2	19	\$1,511.49	\$28,718.31	\$0.00	\$28,718.31
Grand Totals	19		\$28,718.31	\$0.00	\$28,718.31

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AWARD SUMMARY FOR FY2025 REGULAR FUND

LOGOUT

OMB #1121-0235
(Expires: 01/31/2026)

Funds Type	Eligible Amount	Award	Date Approved	Status
Regular Fund	\$28,718.31	\$13,251.23	05/14/26	Approved by BVP
Grand Totals:	\$28,718.31	\$13,251.23		

RETURN

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-96
Series of 2026

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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 \$13,251.23 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 _____, 2026.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney