

POLICE MEMORANDUM
#1-2025

DATE: Jan. 13, 2025

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-6 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance

PURPOSE

To consider CR-6, a resolution accepting the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant for \$22,036.34.

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 1.5 million vests.

On Sept. 26, 2024, the Police Department was awarded \$22,036.34, which may be used to reimburse up to 50% of purchase costs for bulletproof vests ordered between Sept. 26, 2024, and Aug. 31, 2026, 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 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 \$1,439.50. If undamaged, a vest's typical lifespan is approximately five years. Due to attrition and vest lifespan, the number of vests purchased fluctuates annually. The grant funding reimburses half the cost of the vest, or \$719.75. Based on the grant award, the Police Department can seek reimbursement for up to 31 vests.

The Police Department plans on purchasing at least seven vests in 2025 based on the regular replacement schedule. An additional eight vests are allocated for newly hired officers. The reimbursement for 15 vests totals \$10,796.25.

The bulletproof vests are funded as part of the Police Department's annual budget for officer uniforms and equipment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-6.

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. 2024 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Application and Funding Summary

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPLICATION PROFILE

Participant	NORTHGLENN CITY
Fiscal Year	2024
Number of Agencies Applied	0
Total Number of Officers for Application	84
Number of Officers on Approved Applications	84

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Fiscal Year	2024
Vest Replacement Cycle ❶	5
Number of Officers	84
Number of Emergency Replacement Needs ❶	
Number of Stolen or Damaged	0
Number of Officer Turnover	13

APPLICATION DETAILS

NIJ#	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Cost	Tax Shipping and Handling	Total Cost
AXBIIIA	31	\$1,439.50	\$44,624.50	\$0.00	\$44,624.50
Grand Totals	31		\$44,624.50	\$0.00	\$44,624.50

AWARD SUMMARY FOR FY2024 REGULAR FUND

Funds Type	Eligible Amount	Award	Date Approved	Status
Regular Fund	\$44,624.50	\$22,036.34	09/26/24	Approved by BVP
Grand Totals:	\$44,624.50	\$22,036.34		

RETURN

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-6
Series of 2025

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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 \$22,036.34 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 _____, 2025.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney