



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2025 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of grant funds upon award, not to exceed \$60,300.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

This grant was approved by the Public Safety Committee on June 28, 2024 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office released the grant funding announcement for the FY2025 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program on December 11, 2023. The program will equip Texas law enforcement officers with rifle-resistant body armor. Grant funds received must be used to purchase bullet-resistant personal body armor, including bulletproof vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers, compliant with the National Institute of Justice standard rifle protection.

The dangers faced daily by officers is unpredictable and may threaten the safety and protection of San Antonio Police Department officers. Wearing effective safety gear such as rifle-resistant body armor helps enhance officer safety when responding to calls for service.

Under the FY 2018 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant the City was awarded \$1,335,000.00 and purchased 2,698 sets of armor for issuance to all members of the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Parks Police, and San Antonio Airport Police. FY 2025 grant funding would be used to purchase up to 134 new sets of armor for issuance to officers.

ISSUE:

This Ordinance authorizes accepting a grant in an amount not to exceed \$60,300.00 from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office for the period of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no other grants for this program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form cash or in-kind match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the acceptance of this grant.