



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Grant for the purchase of bullet-resistant shields for active shooter incidents in the amount of \$126,360.00.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the Chief of the San Antonio Police Department to accept a grant in the amount of \$126,360 to purchase bullet-resistant shields for active shooter incidents from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD), FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$126,360.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In June 2022, the State of Texas allocated \$105.5 million to support additional school safety and mental health initiatives, included in this package was \$50 million for bullet-resistant shields.

The purpose of this funding is to ensure law enforcement agencies across the state can protect children, teachers, and schools from active shooter incidents.

The San Antonio Police Department has been awarded \$126,360.00 from the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program.

ISSUE:

The proposed ordinance continues the City Council's policy of seeking financial assistance from outside sources for law enforcement programs to increase officer safety, increase public safety, and address criminal activity in the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this grant is not accepted, the purchase of ballistic shields to address active shooter incidents will be purchased from the Department's Budget or the Department will seek other Grant Opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of grant funds from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division Justice (CJD), not to exceed \$126,360.00 for the purchase of ballistic shields. There is no cash or in-kind match required.

In the event of loss or misuse of CJD grant funds, the City Council will return all funds to the OOG, CJD.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the grant funds.