



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of November 17, 2012

DATE: October 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Acceptance and appropriation of the FY2012 Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the County Manager, or her designee to accept \$4,314 in grant funds related to the FY 2012 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.
2. Appropriate \$4,314 from the U.S. Department of Justice's FY 2012 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program (101.374900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the purchase of bullet proof vests associated with this grant program.

ISSUES: The Bulletproof Vest Partnership program funds will pay for 50% of the total cost of each bullet proof vest purchased by the Police Department.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs has awarded Arlington County \$4,314 in new funds to support the purchase of bullet proof vests for its police officers.

BACKGROUND: The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 as enacted by the U.S. Congress authorizes the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to establish a matching grant program to help state and local jurisdictions purchase bullet proof vests for use by law enforcement departments. The award is based on a variety of variables specific to jurisdictions and calculated via a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs formula.

DISCUSSION: BVP funding will pay for 50% of the purchase price of bullet proof vests issued to officers by the Police Department up to a total of \$4,314. These are new award funds that may only be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests, which is what the department currently issues to all officers. BJA will be conducting reviews of the Police

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Jim Page, Police

Department's mandatory wear policy. This review is required for any vest purchases reimbursed through the BVP system.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Police Department plans to purchase 60-80 new bullet proof vests in FY 2013. Officers are issued new vests every (5) years, which matches the approximate shelf life of each vest. The BVP funding will reimburse the Department for 50% of the total cost of new NIJ compliant vests that are purchased. Based on the current retail price of \$690 for each vest, this grant will reduce the cost 50% for approximately 12 new vests for the Department. No additional vests will be purchased beyond the 60-80 that are planned for FY 2013.