



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: 3/3/2016

Staff Contact: Chief Tad Fletcher, Department of Alternative Sentencing

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: To approve the application process for the Department of Justice Body Armor grant for the FY17 year.

Staff Summary: The Department of Alternative Sentencing would like to submit for a grant to fund replacement vests for the Carson City Department of Alternative Sentencing. The Department needs to replace 8 body armor vests in the FY17 year and by obtaining the grant, it will cover 50% of the purchase.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to approve the grant application process by the Carson City Department of Alternative Sentencing for Department of Justice Body Armor grant program.

Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Department of Alternative Sentencing needs to replace 8 bullet proof vests during the FY17 year, as the previously issued vests are expiring. Each vest has a life expectancy of 5 years, which is covered by a factory warranty.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: If approved, the Department of Alternative Sentencing will be submitting for a grant to fund 50% of the body armor replacements for the Department. The projected cost will be \$7200 for FY17. By obtaining the grant, the City will be obligated to budget \$3600 to cover the 50% obligation.

Alternatives

The alternative is to fully fund the purchase of the body armor at \$7200 for FY17.

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



Bulletproof Vest Partnership

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement.

ONE MILLION BVP VESTS: Since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions, a total of \$393 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests (1,197,348 as of December, 2014). BVP is a critical resource for state and local jurisdictions that saves lives. Based on data collected and recorded by BJA staff, in FY 2012, protective vests were directly attributable to saving the lives of at least 33 law enforcement and corrections officers, in 20 different states, an increase 13.7% over FY 2011. At least 14 of those life-saving vests had been purchased, in part, with BVP funds.

New: The Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2015 BVP funds are available for use. The FY 2015 award funds may only be used for the latest National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which are ordered on or after April 1, 2015. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2015 award funds is August 31, 2017.

The complete list of FY 2015 BVP awards can be viewed [here](#).

The complete list of FY 2014 BVP awards can be viewed [here](#).

The complete list of FY 2013 BVP awards can be viewed [here](#).

Documentation Requirement: Grantees are required to keep documentation to support the BVP vest application and payment requests for at least a three year period.

Other Federal Funds: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds or other federal funding sources may not be used to pay for that portion of the bullet proof vest (50%) that is not covered by BVP funds. JAG or other federal funds may be used to purchase vests for an agency, but they may not be used as the 50% match for BVP purposes.

NEW! UPDATED Mandatory Wear FAQs

Following two years of declining law enforcement officer line-of-duty deaths, the country realized a dramatic 37 percent increase in officer deaths in 2010. Fifty-nine of the 160 officers killed in 2010 were shot during violent encounters; a 20 percent increase over 2009 numbers. The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to improving officer safety and has undertaken research to review and analyze violent encounters and law enforcement officer deaths and injuries. Due to the increase in the number of law enforcement officer deaths, coupled with our renewed efforts to improve officer safety, beginning with FY 2011, in order to receive BVP funds, jurisdictions must certify, during the application process, that all law enforcement agencies benefitting from the BVP Program have a written "mandatory wear" policy in effect.

This policy must be in place for at least all uniformed officers before any FY 2011 funding can be used by the agency. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy other than it being a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers while on duty. BJA strongly encourages agencies to consult the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Model Policy on Body Armor and to strongly consider all recommendations within that policy. This policy change was announced in October 2010 by Attorney General Holder after consulting with and receiving input from the law enforcement community.

The IACP has very generously provided both its Body Armor Model Policy and position paper to the BVP program. In order to obtain a copy of the Model Policy and position paper, jurisdictions must be registered with the BVP program. To obtain a copy of the Model Policy, contact the BVP Customer Support Center at 1-877-758-3787 or email vests@usdoj.gov.