

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Bradley J. Rinehimer, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Federal Grant Award - Bulletproof Vest Partnership - \$27,092

The James City County Police Department has been awarded a Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant from the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$27,092 (\$13,546 federal funds; \$13,546 local match). The funds are to be used to purchase approximately 24 new and replacement bulletproof vests for officers.

BVP has typically been a recurring grant program made available each year to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. This grant expires August 31, 2020, which allows us to replace vests as needed, or purchase vests for new officers throughout the grant period.

Each sworn officer within the Department is offered a bulletproof vest as part of his/her normal issued equipment. Unless recalls are made or the vest is damaged, the lifespan of vests is typically five years. The vests used by the Department are engineered for superior performance and integrate high-performance ballistic materials with a temperature-regulating carrier for maximum comfort.

The grant requires a match of \$13,546, which is available in the Grants Match Account.

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution to appropriate funds.

BJR/md
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Attachment