THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Subject: 2022 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant

Staff Resource(s): Elise Lewis, Financial Business Manager, Asheville Police Department

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to apply for and accept the 2022 BVP Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice; and adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $20,327.22.

Background:

- The City of Asheville receives an annual opportunity to apply for a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant.
- The DOJ has preliminarily determined that the Asheville Police Department (APD) is eligible to receive a 2022 award of $10,163.61 which requires a dollar for dollar match by the City.
- Bulletproof vests expire after 5 years, and during the life of this grant 50 current officer's vests will expire and require replacement.
- The funding will allow the purchase of 26 bulletproof vests over the two year life of the grant.

Council Goal(s):

- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- Public Safety Committee - November 17, 2022 - 2-1 approval to move forward to City Council

Pro(s):

- Increases officer safety by providing crucial safety equipment.
- Reduction in cost to the City of Asheville for the purchase of bulletproof vests

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the required $10,163.61 local match has been identified within the current fiscal year General Fund operating budget.
- This grant offsets the cost of equipment replacement that would otherwise be borne in full by the City.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving the application and acceptance of the grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice; and a budget ordinance amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $20,327.22.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2022 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-17.1 to apply for and receive grants from the Federal Government and to enter into contracts for the administration of said grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville receives an annual opportunity to apply for a United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (BVP); and

WHEREAS, the DOJ has preliminarily determined that the Asheville Police Department (APD) is eligible to receive a grant of $10,163.61 which requires a dollar for dollar match by the City; and

WHEREAS, the APD will use the funds to purchase 26 bulletproof vests over the two year life of the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of $20,327.22.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of December, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $20,327.22 to accept a grant from the Department of Justice for the 2022 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (BVP) as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Federal Grants	$10,163.61
Operating Transfer from General Fund	$10,163.61
Total Revenues	$20,327.22

Appropriations:

Safety Equipment	$20,327.22

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of December, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney