



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** February 10, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the purchase of ballistic vests from GALLS, through BuyBoard Contract No. 670-22 in the amount of \$68,930 using the Office of the Governor's FY25 Criminal Justice Grant #4994501 funds.

**PRESENTER:** Ed Wright, Acting Chief of Police

### **SUMMARY:**

The City of North Richland Hills ("NRH") is the grant recipient of \$97,104 with the Office of the Governor's FY25 Criminal Justice Program Patrol Outer Ballistic Vest, Grant #4994501. The grant award includes funding for the purchase of vests, outer carriers, and cargo utility pouches for patrol officers.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

On the October 28, 2024 Council agenda, Amendment No. 4 to the City of North Richland Hills GALLS Parent Holdings, LLC Cooperative Purchase Customer Agreement was approved to increase the GALLS contract amount through BuyBoard Contract No. 670-22 to an amount to not exceed \$315,000. Funds added with this amendment included the purchase of vests awarded with the FY25 Criminal Justice Grant #4994501.

Ballistic vests are one of the most important pieces of safety equipment used by officers. The ballistic vests help absorb the impact and reduce or stop penetration to the torso from firearm-fired projectiles and fragmentation from explosions.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase 55 ballistic vests in the amount of \$68,930 from GALLS through BuyBoard Contract No. 670-22 using Office of the Governor's FY25 Criminal Justice Grant #4994501 funds.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the purchase of ballistic vests from GALLS, through BuyBoard Contract No. 670-22 in the amount of \$68,930 using the Office of the Governor's FY25 Criminal Justice Grant #4994501 funds.