



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorize the purchase of 12 Level 3 Rapid Response Ballistic Shields and Shield Lights from TYR Tactical, in the amount of \$67,457.44 using Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant #2848908 funding and consider Resolution No. 2023-055, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Regional Asset Transfer Addendum with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office to transfer listed equipment purchased by the City of North Richland Hills using TAG Grant #2848908 funds.

PRESENTER: Mike Young, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills ("NRH") serves as the fiduciary and grant recipient for the FY2023 North Texas Anti-Gang Center ("TAG") Project Grant #2848908. The grant award includes funding for the purchase of Rapid Response Ballistic Shields and Shield Lights in the amount of \$67,457.44 and the subsequent transfer of ownership and responsibility of the assets to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office ("TCSO"), a TAG Constituent Agency.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Ballistic shields provide mobile defensive cover for law enforcement during an active shooter incident or other dangerous situation. Their primary purpose is to stop bullets and other weaponized projectiles, protecting law enforcement personnel during tactical events. They are often used in drug house raids, high-risk search warrants, active shooter incidents (including in schools), and violent riots.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase 12 TYR TACTICAL® 18"X32" CQB "With Viewport" Level 3 Rapid Response Ballistic Shields and Shield Lights from TYR Tactical, in the amount of \$67,457.44 using FY2022/2023 TAG grant 2848908 funding. The TYR Tactical Integrated Ballistic System is a patented five-piece design that increases ballistic protection, decreases side spall and reduces back face deformation. There are no other manufacturers using this patented five-piece design or ballistic protection. Staff has provided sufficient documentation for this purchase.

Upon execution of a Regional Asset Transfer Addendum, NRH will transfer ownership and responsibility of the listed assets to TCSO. Additional equipment for this asset transfer will be purchased by NRH from multiple vendors in amounts not exceeding \$50,000 in accordance with the City's approved purchasing policies. Further, this transfer also includes



an additional item that is submitted separately for City Council approval in an associated item on the June 26, 2023 Council agenda.

- 12 TYR TACTICAL® 18"X32" CQB "With Viewport" Level 3 Rapid Response Ballistic Shields and Shield Lights - \$67,457.44
- 26 Ballistic Helmets - \$36,550.00

As the receiving jurisdiction, TCSO agrees to maintain compliance with the laws, rules and regulations of the grant, including compliance with all state and federal grant eligibility requirements as outlined in the addendum.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the purchase of 12 Level 3 Rapid Response Ballistic Shields and Shield Lights from TYR Tactical, in the amount of \$67,457.44 using Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant #2848908 funding and approve Resolution No. 2023-055, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Regional Asset Transfer Addendum with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office to transfer listed equipment purchased by the City of North Richland Hills using TAG Grant #2848908 funds.