

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** September 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2022-041, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Program Grant in the amount of \$61,974.44.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The Texas Governor's PSO has announced the FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Program Grant, which is authorized by Budget Execution Order proposed by the Legislative Budget Board and ratified by Governor Abbott on June 28, 2022. The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for FY2023 grant #4631601 funding to purchase 15 bullet-resistant shields in the amount \$61,974.44.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Program Grant is to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields. Funds may only be used for obtaining bullet-resistant shields compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Level III, III+, or IV. Funding will be prioritized by peace officers contracted by school districts and/or other peace officers that may respond to school safety emergencies. The PSO expects to make available \$50M in FY2023 state funding to eligible agencies. Applications will be evaluated based on the number of frontline peace officers and the average cost per shield.

To receive the funds, every law enforcement agency must have an active shooter policy implementing protocols for assessing an active threat or violent encounter and immediately responding in order to stop the killing, stop the dying, and provide rapid casualty evacuation.

The Police Department plans to purchase 15 full-size ballistic shields capable of stopping both common rifle and handgun rounds. Four of these ballistic shields will be issued to school resource officers (SRO) assigned to Birdville Independent School District. Eleven ballistic shields will be issued to on-duty patrol officers who will be the primary emergency responders to those schools without an SRO present. The total grant request is \$61,974.44 and there is no match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-041.