



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** February 13, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Authorize the purchase of fifteen (15) bullet-resistant shields from GT Distributors in the amount of \$61,974.44 using FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Program Grant 4631601 Funding through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

**PRESENTER:** Jimmy Perdue

### **SUMMARY:**

The Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) announced the FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Program Grant authorized by Budget Execution Order proposed by the Legislative Budget Board and ratified by Governor Abbott on June 28, 2022. The police department was notified that funds have been authorized for the purchase of fifteen (15) bullet-resistant shields capable of stopping both common rifle and handgun rounds.

### **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 was prioritized by peace officers contracted by school districts and/or other peace officers that may respond to school safety emergencies. These ballistic shields will be issued to school resource officers assigned to Birdville Independent School District and to on-duty patrol officers who will be the primary emergency responders to those schools without an SRO present.

An informal request for bid was made for fifteen (15) full-size Level III ballistic shields allowable under the grant regulations. Three bids were received with GT Distributors, Inc. response being the lowest using the Texas Shield Grant Program FY2023 pricing. Staff is requesting authorization to purchase fifteen (15) rifle resistant ballistic shields from GT Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$61,974.44. The purchase will be 100% grant funded using FY2023 Grant 4631601 funding.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**



Authorize the purchase of fifteen bullet-resistant shields from GT Distributors in the amount of \$61,974.44 using FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Program Grant 4631601 Funding through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.