



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** March 27, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Consider Resolution No. 2017-014, approving application for and acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Governor's Office 2017 Homeland Security Grants Division Competitive Grant #33196-01, for three ballistic blankets.

**PRESENTER:** Mike Young, Assistant Chief of Police

### **SUMMARY:**

The Homeland Security Grants Division of the Texas Governor's Office has notified the Police Department that grant funds have been allocated to assist in funding law enforcement programs in the Council of Government's North Central Region under the 2017 State Homeland Security Program's Competitive Grant #33196-01. If awarded, the Police Department plans to use the funds to purchase ballistic blankets for the department's SWAT team to use during their operations.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The North Richland Hills Police Department plans to use grant funds to purchase three 4x6 level IIIA ballistic blankets for the North Richland Hills SWAT Team. This grant request will provide the SWAT Team with the capability to use ballistic blankets as an additional protection from small arms fire and shrapnel from improvised explosive devices being used in coordinated and complex terrorist attacks, hostage rescue situations, and active shooter incidents. These specialized blankets can be used to protect injured officers and civilians so they can be immediately removed from critical incident scenes and provided medical attention. Without these blankets, there is a large time delay waiting for extraction from an armored personnel vehicle to remove critically injured officers or civilians to waiting medical personnel.

The total of the grant request is \$3,000. There is no match requirement for this grant request through the Texas Governor's Office. The grant funds are passed through the Homeland Security Grants Division and will be dispersed on a competitive basis throughout the NCTCOG's 16-county region.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution No. 2017-014.