



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** May 21, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Consider Resolution No. 2018-014, Authorizing the Application for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership for FY 2018  
**PRESENTER:** Mike Young, Assistant Police Chief

### **SUMMARY:**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has announced the application funding period for the FY 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (BVP) created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 and reauthorized by the Bulletproof Act of 2000. The Police Department will use the awarded funds to purchase protective armor vests for sworn personnel.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to improving officer safety. The BVP initiative was designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement for the sole purpose of purchasing bullet-resistant body armor for sworn law enforcement officers. The BJA has awarded more than 1.2 million bullet proof vests through the BVP Program. Jurisdictions with fewer than 100,000 residents receive priority funding, up to 50 percent of the cost of each eligible body armor vest purchased.

The police department is seeking authorization to apply for the FY 2018 BVP funding to purchase ballistic and stab-resistant armor vests for all sworn personnel. A focus on safety should be maintained at all levels within the organization and be reinforced through supervision, training, and policy. To receive the BVP funds, every law enforcement agency must have a written body armor wear policy. North Richland Hills Police Department General Order Number 704 - Protective Equipment fulfills this requirement.

The anticipated funding level for this grant request is \$11,000.00. There is a 50% match requirement. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds or other federal funding sources may not be used to pay for the portion of the bullet proof vest that is not covered by BVP funds. The use period for the FY 2018 BVP funds will expire August 31, 2020.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution No. 2018-014