

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
03/02/04

SUBJECT: Application for U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Funds

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive Officer to submit an application for Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant funds in the amount of \$326,043 (\$163,021.50 Federal share and \$163,021.50 local share) for the acquisition of personal body armor to be used in the Sheriff's Department patrol, correctional and court service functions.

BACKGROUND: The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 (PL 105-181) established a 50-50 matching grant program to help states, local jurisdictions and tribal governments purchase life-saving personal body armor for law enforcement personnel. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000 continued program authorization through 2004 with funding priority given to jurisdictions of 100,000 or less in population. In 2003, approximately 8% of the funding available was awarded to jurisdictions with more than 100,000 residents. Consequently, the Riverside County application (04/22/03 3.18) was not approved.

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**FINANCIAL
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$0	In Current Year Budget:	No
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$163,022	For Fiscal Year:	2003-04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Department Budget and Federal BJA Grant Funds

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Sally A. Deacon

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 04/22/03 3.18 | District: All | Agenda Number:

3.15

The efficacy of personal body armor use is well documented. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that the risk of fatality for officers not wearing body armor is 14 times higher than for officers wearing bulletproof vests. Section 208.15 of the Sheriff's General Orders Manual states, "All armed uniform personnel who perform enforcement activity shall wear Department approved and issued soft body armor." Body armor is a requirement and with an estimated cost of \$480 per vest for patrol Deputies and \$2,300 for the special vests that will be required by the Special Enforcement Bureau, any federal funding available would lessen the County's costs. All purchases must be made from a BJA supplied list.

Applications must be filed on-line before April 1, 2004. Any resulting grant award will be brought to the Board for review and a decision to accept the funds available.