

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

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FROM: Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
03/17/06

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 \$467,888 (\$233,944 Federal share and \$233,944 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 Bullet Proof Vest (BPV) Partnership was reauthorized this year as part of the Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act. President Bush signed it into law on January 5, 2006. BPV establishes a 50/50 matching program to assist states, tribal governments and local jurisdictions with the purchase of body armor for law enforcement officers. As with all Federal funding authorizations since 2000, jurisdictions with populations of less than 100,000 are given priority. In 2005, only 14% of the available funding was provided to large jurisdictions; Riverside County's award was \$34,475, approximately 20% of the Federal share requested.

Departmental Concurrence

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Janis R Conklin for

Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

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:	\$124,000	For Fiscal Year:	2006-07
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Department Budget, Contract Revenue 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. Bauer

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 09/13/05 3.64

District: All

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Personal body armor has been used in law enforcement jurisdictions for more than thirty years, and since 1999 over 11,500 jurisdictions have participated in the BPV Program and purchased more than 450,000 pieces of body armor. A vest does not protect the wearer by deflecting a bullet. Instead, the individual layers of material catch the bullet and spread its force over a larger portion of the body, deforming the round and hopefully bringing it to a stop before it can penetrate into the body.

In November 2003, then Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that the U.S. Department of Justice had found problems with Zylon-based body armor vests and had done extensive testing of vests after the one worn by a Forest Hills, Pennsylvania failed. Zylon vests must all be replaced as the material degrades over time due to environmental factors. The Sheriff's Department, like jurisdictions around the country, has taken steps to replace all zylon vests purchased.

Any resulting grant award will be brought to the Board for review and a decision to accept the funds available. If the funds requested are awarded and accepted, approximately 800 new and replacement vests would be purchased at an average cost of \$584.86. Patrol officers generally use a level III ArmorShield vest. This armor protects against 9 mm Full Metal Jacketed Round Nose (FMJ RN) bullets, with nominal masses of 8.0 g (124 gr) impacting at a maximum velocity of 427 m/s (1400 ft/s) or less, and .44 Magnum Semi Jacketed Hollow Point (SJHP) bullets, with nominal masses of 15.6 g (240 gr) impacting at a maximum velocity of 427 m/s (1400 ft/s) or less.