

City of Concord, New Hampshire

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council **From:** Gregory S. Taylor – Deputy Chief

Re: Acceptance and Appropriation of \$21,482 from the US Department of Justice

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

Date: April 27, 2015

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council accept and appropriate twenty-one thousand, four hundred, eighty-two dollars from the United States Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (BVP) as 50% reimbursement of eligible bulletproof vest purchase costs under CIP #370.

<u>Background</u> – The Concord Police Department has participated in the United States Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program for approximately thirteen years. This program provides funding of 50% reimbursement for bulletproof vest purchases made by the Department. The remaining 50% cost of bulletproof vests has been provided for in CIP #370.

<u>Discussion</u> – The Concord Police Department has been designated to receive \$21,482 from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. These funds will remain available to the Police Department as part of this program until August 31, 2016. The Police Department anticipates purchasing approximately fifty-five vests during this time for new officers and to replace older vests that are currently in use and at the end of their useful life. Funds received from this grant will provide for a fifty percent reimbursement on these purchases. The remaining fifty percent of the cost will be covered under CIP 370 – Police Officers Ballistic Vest Replacement Program. As this is a reimbursement program the vests will be purchased utilizing funds from CIP 370 and upon receipt of reimbursement from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program these reimbursement funds will be placed back into CIP 370.

It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate these funds into CIP #370 to allow for future bulletproof vest purchases to be made by the police department.