

CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Chief Gregory S. Taylor, Police Department

DATE: April 8, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 US Department of Justice – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant

<u>**Recommendation**</u> - through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Justice – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

Background – the United States Department of Justice – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program is anticipated to continue its funding for reimbursement of fifty percent of the costs for ballistic vests purchased for law enforcement agencies. The Concord Police Department issues new vests to new personnel when hired and each vest has a five year usable lifespan at which time it is replaced. The Concord Police Department has received funding through this grant in previous years in an effort to offset costs associated with the purchase of vests for Police Department personnel.

<u>**Discussion**</u> – this grant will provide direct reimbursement to the City for fifty percent of the costs of vests purchased through the life of the grant up to the specified limit spelled out by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.