

CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOM MCNULTY ★ Police Chief

TO: Ed

Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM:

Tom McNulty, Chief

DATE:

February 5, 2014

SUBJECT:

Council Agenda Item - Accept Funds from Office of Justice Programs

Bulletproof Vest Partnership

<u>Background</u>: Once a law enforcement agency applies for the Federal Bullet Proof Grant, the Office of Justice awards monies, (either half or quarter monies) to law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests.

The VPD Criminalistics Specialists applies for the grant, noting how many officers we currently employ, how many may retire/leave, and how many new officers we will hire within the year. Based on this estimation, the award is determined by the Office of Justice.

Agencies, the size such as ours, always receive half of the cost of the vests from the grant, e.g., a vest costs \$600.00, we pay the cost from our budgeted line item. Once the paperwork is submitted for the grant, the Office of Justice reimburses us via direct deposit into the general fund, \$300.00, which is half the cost of the vest.

Every March or April, the grant opens for agencies to apply. Once submitted, the Office of Justice reviews the agencies needs and determines the award funding. The VPD is notified in October or November. The award for the FY 13/14 is \$1,919.46.

For auditing purposes, the grant paperwork is maintained at Venice Police.

<u>Requested Action</u>: VPD requests permission to accept these grant funds. All of the bulletproof vests for the Venice Police Department are purchased through this partnership with the Office of Justice Programs.

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City Attorney Review: Applicable

Risk Management Review: Not applicable

Funds Availability (Account Number): 1001-0000-331.0800

Attachment: Application - Bulletproof Vest Partnership

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