



# RIFLE RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT

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- Background:
  - Sworn employees with the Killeen Police Department are issued soft body armor, required to be worn at all times while performing uniformed duties.
  - This armor is generally rated for pistol ammunition, not rifle-caliber ammunition.
  - Killeen PD has had previous encounters with subjects armed with rifles and rifle-caliber ammunition.

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- Background, continued:
  - In FY 2017-2018, the City accepted a grant that enabled the purchase of rifle-resistant body armor for the majority of sworn employees.
  - The warranted life for this equipment is five (5) years, and within the next year this armor will be due for replacement.
- Earlier this year, the Police Department applied for a state grant, and was awarded \$260,000 that would outfit all sworn employees with rifle resistant body armor.

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- ❑ GT Distributors has the best price for the replacement body armor, and they belong to the TASB purchasing cooperative.
- ❑ Council previously approved a resolution for this FY, allowing the PD to spend budgeted funds not to exceed \$324,565 with GT Distributors.
- ❑ This project requires accepting the grant award of \$260,000 for the body armor replacement, and authorizing a corresponding amendment to the Police Department budget.
- ❑ The authorized expenditure with GT Distributors would also increase to an amount not to exceed \$584,565.

# Funding

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- Previous Fiscal Year expenses: \$0 for this purchase
- Projected Expenses:
  - \$260,000
- Total projected expenses with GT Distributors are not expected to exceed \$584,565, of which \$260,000 is for this project.

# Alternatives

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- Disapprove grant.
  - ▣ Doing so will adversely affect the department's ability to replace a critical piece of equipment.
- Approve grant, but deny increased expenditure with GT Distributors.
- Approve the purchases as proposed.

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to accept the grant award of \$260,000, amend the Police Department budget accordingly, and increase the expenditures with GT Distributors to an amount not to exceed \$584,565 in city funds for the current fiscal year.