

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **February 26, 2025, City Council DRAFT Agenda Item 25-565A Grant from the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the Bullet Resistance Shield Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on February 26, 2025.

DRAFT AGENDA ITEM 25-565A

Authorize the **(1)** application for and acceptance of a grant from the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the Bullet Resistance Shield Grant (Grant No. 5109501, State Award ID No. 2025-SH-ST-0000) in the amount of \$412,938.13 to provide and equip peace officers with bullet resistant shields for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$412,938.13 in the CJD FY25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$412,938.13 in the CJD FY25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement with CJD and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$412,938.13 - Financing: CJD FY25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Fund

BACKGROUND

The Dallas Police Department will enhance the safety of our officers by equipping patrol vehicles with rifle-rated ballistic shields, they ensure that officers will have immediate access to protection during active situations, rather than having to retrieve shields from the station after a situation has already escalated.

The department's current limitation, with only 2-3 functional shields per station, creates a gap in accessibility, potentially putting officers at greater risk during critical moments. With this grant for additional bullet resistance shields, each patrol vehicle can be equipped with a shield stored securely in the trunk, which can be quickly deployed during active threats such as shootings or other violent incidents. This not only improves the safety of officers but also indirectly increases the protection of civilians in these high-stress situations.

This grant will provide the Dallas Police Department with faster response times and, ultimately, better outcomes during time sensitive situations, such as shootings and other violent incidents.

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FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2025	FY 2026	Future Years
CJD FY25 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Fund	\$412,938.13	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Chief of Public Safety

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