

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **November 12, 2025, City Council Agenda Item #25-2946A; Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on November 12, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #25-2946A

Authorize the (1) application for and acceptance of a grant from the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program (Grant No. 5485101) in the amount of \$239,808.80 to provide for the purchase of rifle resistant body armor for the Dallas Police Department for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$239,808.80 in the CJD FY26 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$239,808.80 in the CJD FY26 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Fund; and (4) execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$239,808.80 - Financing: CJD FY26 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Fund

BACKGROUND

In response to the safety needs for officers across the State of Texas, the Office of the Governor developed a grant solicitation for rifle-resistant body armor for award to law enforcement agencies. The City of Dallas applied and was awarded \$239,808.80. The submitted grant application requested funding to purchase 140 rifle resistant body armor sets.

Providing first responders with equipment and tools that mitigate the dangers and hazards associated with protecting the public from harm is critical.

Ballistic-resistant body armor enhances the survivability of officers subjected to hostile fire from various forms of ballistic rounds. Ballistic-resistant body armor consists of rifle plates in conjunction with a concealable vest. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has developed a series of nationally accepted ratings for body armor worn by law enforcement officers. These ratings define the level of ballistic performance.

To meet this safety need, ballistic-resistant body armor has become a standard issuance item to each officer in the Dallas Police Department. Ballistic-resistant body armor is sized and tailored to fit each officer and intended for daily wear while on duty. This body armor offers level III protection rated by NIJ.

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FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027	Future Years
CJD FY26 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Fund	\$239,808.80	\$0.00	\$0.00

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