



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** December 14, 2022  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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### SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** application for and acceptance of the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant (Grant No. 4238402) from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), in the amount of \$762,049.50 to provide for the purchase of rifle resistant body armor for the Dallas Police Department for the period September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$762,049.50 in the CJD-Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program 2023 Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$762,049.50 in the CJD-Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program 2023 Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$762,049.50 - Financing: Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division State Grant Funds

### BACKGROUND

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.

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 \$762,049.50. The submitted grant application requested funding to purchase 400 load bearing vest, 550 Level III body armor vests which include fitted concealable vests and level III rifle plates for each officer for a total of 1,100 rifle plates. All concealable vests and rifle plates can be purchased through the Dallas Police Department's existing master agreement that was awarded in September 2020.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On February 14, 2018, City Council authorized the application for and acceptance of the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to provide for the purchase of rifle resistant body armor for Dallas Police Department, Dallas City Marshalls, and Dallas-Fire Rescue Department for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, by Resolution No. 18-0292.

On December 8, 2021, City Council authorized the application for and acceptance of the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to provide for the purchase of rifle resistant body armor for Dallas Police Department for the period September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022, by Resolution No. 21-1998.

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on December 12, 2022.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division State Grant Funds	\$762,049.50	\$0.00	\$0.00