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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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May 7, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Mike Olivieri, Chief of Police

Subject: **Approve Police Department Staff to Apply for the 2018 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program Grant**

## OVERVIEW

**Recommendations** - That the City Council approve Police Department staff to apply for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program grant, which is due by Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

**Fiscal Impact** – This grant is a Federal reimbursement grant and the City is required to provide up to 50% of the cost for the purchased body armor. It is estimated that the total cost for the replacement of 70 vests is \$60,000, requiring the City to cover \$30,000. Police staff has identified \$20,000 in funding from fiduciary duties for L.A. County's HOST program. The remaining \$10,000 will be covered from Asset Forfeiture funds.

**Previous Related Action** – None.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action on this item is to authorize Police Department staff to apply for BJA's 2018 BVP grant, which requires the City to provide up to 50% of the total cost. Funds for the City's required portion have been identified in the Fiscal Impact section.

## DISCUSSION

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative (Attachment 1) designed to provide a critical resource to State and local law enforcement.

Since 1999, more than 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with a total of \$447 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of over 1 million bulletproof vests.

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Bulletproof vests are an important safety resource for officer protection. This armor absorbs the impact of gunfire and potentially saves officer lives. Currently, the Pomona Police Department provides every law enforcement officer with a bulletproof vest and has a “mandatory wear” policy, 1007--Body Armor. If awarded, the grant will reimburse up to 50% of the purchase of 70 body armor vests. Bulletproof vests are on a five (5) year replacement cycle due to manufacture warranty in addition to excessive wear and tear. The grant award would support the purchase of officer vest through April 2019.

Attachment 1: Bulletproof Vest Partnership Overview