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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Daniel J. Minzey, Sheriff

DATE: April 4, 2001

SUBJECT: Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants Program

BOARD ACTION REQUEST:

The Sheriff's Department is requesting the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator on an application with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for grant funding that is being made available through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. This grant will reimburse the Sheriff's Department up to fifty (50%) percent of the cost of bullet proof vests purchased.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the BJA is to provide leadership and assistance in support of local criminal justice strategies to achieve safe communities. The purpose of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies provide officers with armor vests, pursuant to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998. It has been estimated by the F.B.I. that in the period between 1985 and 1994, bullet resistant materials have helped save the lives of more than 2,000 officers. This is a continuation of the program initiated in 1999 and approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 1, 1999. The BJA awarded the Sheriff's Department \$3,500 in 1999 and \$17,490 in 2000.

DISCUSSION:

The funding of the BJA (BVP), if awarded, will be directed toward the procurement of bulletproof vests for Sheriff's Department deputies. The grant application is requesting 50% of the estimated cost of \$58,278, for a total amount of \$29,139. However, the total amount ultimately awarded is unknown. The BJA (BVP) will reimburse up to fifty (50%) percent of the total cost of the vests contingent upon the total number of applications submitted nationwide. Each year the program gains more applicants. Thus every application process we anticipate partial funding rather than the full amount requested. The number of vests actually ordered will be dependant upon the funding amount. If the full amount included in the grant application were to be awarded by the BJA, the program would allow for the purchase of 61 bulletproof vests.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

This grant funding, if awarded, will provide fifty (50%) percent reimbursement for the cost of bulletproof vests. The initial application, if awarded in full, would provide the Sheriff's Department \$29,139. The remaining 50%, or \$29,139, would come from the existing Sheriff's Department supplies budget.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

No indirect costs are permitted by the grant criteria.

IMPACT ON THER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms with County Policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Payment Enrollment Form (copy)
Resolution
Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FOR THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,278 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 18, 2001

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Washtenaw County wish to maintain the safety of Washtenaw County employees; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department wishes to protect deputies through the procurement of bulletproof vests through a fifty (50%) percent reimbursement program offered for the third year by the Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is requesting ratification of the signature of the County Administrator on a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for funding reimbursement in the amount of \$29,139, or 50% of the vests' total cost, through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, this funding, with the addition of the required 50% Sheriff's Department match, will total \$58,278, and allow for the procurement of a number of bulletproof vests to protect the Sheriff's Department Deputies in the delivery of law enforcement services to the County; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, the Finance Department, Corporation Counsel, and the Ways and Means Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratifies the signature of the County Administrator on an application with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, for grant funding through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, for Federal Fiscal year 2001, in the amount of \$58,278 to procure bulletproof vests for the Sheriff's Department, as on file with County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award.
2. Amending the 2001 Budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts, upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

Sheriff Department
 Bureau of Justice Assistance
 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program
 Business Unit 1450015000

	Current	Revised	
	Budget	Budget	Variance
Revenue:			
50000 Federal Revenue	\$0	\$29,139	\$29,139
69500 Transfer in	0	29,139	29,139
Total:	\$0	\$58,278	\$58,278
Expenditures:			
72600 Supplies	\$0	\$58,278	\$58,278

Indirect Costs = \$0

Sheriff Department
 Business Unit 10105020

Expenditures:			
72600 Supplies	\$257,676	\$228,537	(\$29,139)
99000 Appropriations		0	29,139
Total:	\$257,676	\$257,676	\$0