

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 2/20/2024	SUBJECT: Resolution #2024-R-082 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$232,950.00 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE FUNDING OF FY 2025 BULLET-RESISTANT SHIELD GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH FUNDING TO EQUIP PEACE OFFICERS WITH BULLET-RESISTANT SHIELDS. THIS GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE MATCHING FUNDS. GRANT WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE SPECIAL POLICE FUND.	
INITIATED BY: Rosario C. Cabello Deputy City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr. Chief of Police
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None.		
BACKGROUND: The Public Safety Office (PSO) is soliciting grant applications from law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields. Applications may be submitted by independent school districts, institutions of higher education, units of local government, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other educational institutions that operate law enforcement agencies employing peace officers under Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

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Whereas, the City of Laredo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Laredo that the FY 2025 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program be operated for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo designated the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant on behalf of the City of Laredo; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo will use these funds to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$232,950.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the funding of FY 2025 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the period of September 01, 2024 through August 31, 2025. The purpose of this grant program is to provide law enforcement agencies with funding to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields. This grant does not require matching funds. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY