

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

May 25, 2010

**FROM: MICHELLE SCRAY, Chairperson
Law and Justice Group Administration**

**SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP
GRANT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to receive up to \$175,952 under the Fiscal Year 2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. (Affected Districts: All)
(Presenter: Michelle Scray, Chairperson, 387-5693)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program helps protect the lives of law enforcement officers by assisting state, local, and tribal governments in equipping their officers with armor vests. The program pays up to 50% of the cost of vests purchased by jurisdictions with approved applications. San Bernardino County has participated in the program for the past nine years and has been awarded a total of \$472,196 in federal grant funds over the years. The BPV Act of 2000 provides funding priority for smaller jurisdictions with populations under 100,000; with remaining funds allocated to jurisdictions with populations at or over 100,000. On April 20, 2010, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced another round of BVP funding with applications due no later than June 1, 2010.

The per unit cost for each Law and Justice department varies according to the type and specifications of the vest that is used. The budgeted armor vest requirements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 are as follows: 500 vests for Sheriff Deputies at a cost of \$252,500; 200 vests for Probation Officers at a cost of \$92,200; and 13 vests for District Attorney Investigators at a cost of \$7,204. Consequently, the total cost of the 713 vests budgeted for FY 2010-11 is \$351,904. All vests are purchased under a standing contract with a county-approved law enforcement equipment vendor.

This action seeks approval to submit an online application to the BJA for 50% reimbursement (\$175,952) of the \$351,904 total costs associated with the purchase of bulletproof vests. The application submittal and grant award is an online process; therefore, no application or contract is

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County Counsel-Singley
CAO-Forster;Hernandez
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Board of Supervisors

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LAURA H. WELCH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

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available. If the grant application is successful, an agenda item will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance of the award in accordance with county policy.

The BVP funds may only be used toward the purchase of vests ordered on or after April 1, 2010. Vests must be received and the request for payment submitted to the BVP system by September 30, 2012 to be eligible for reimbursement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Appropriations for vests were included in each participating department's FY 2010-11 budget submittal. If this grant application is successful, the three participating county departments could receive a total of as much as \$175,952 to help offset the \$351,904 budgeted cost for bulletproof vests.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Steven J. Singley, Deputy County Counsel, 387-4271) on May 3, 2010; and the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on May 11, 2010. This item has also been coordinated with the Grants Office (Tom Hernandez, Grant Writer, 387-3195).