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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Robert Baty, Chief of Police

Date: May 5, 2024

Subject: **Approval of Application for Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant**

Background

The Office of Justice Programs has an annual reimbursement 50/50 matching grant thru the Bulletproof Vest Partnership for the reimbursement of bulletproof vest purchases. These vests are the type that are worn under a uniform shirt. The Sitka Police Department has historically applied for this grant every year since 2003, with awards ranging from \$1400 to \$4000.

Analysis

This year's grant request would be for reimbursements of up to \$3,500 and expire 8/31/2026. Those funds would cover reimbursement for 50% of approximately 3 vests.

Fiscal Note

This is a 50/50 matching grant. The Police Department purchases the vests and then submits for reimbursement for 50% of the cost of the vest. This saves CBS 50% of the cost of the bulletproof vest, which must be purchased for new officers and replaced every 5 years. No new appropriation is required if this grant is approved.

Recommendation

Approve this Resolution authorizing the Municipal Administrator to apply for this grant and execute it should it be awarded.