




# City and Borough of Sitka

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members

**Thru:** John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

**From:** Chief Robert Baty

**Date:** May 18, 2020

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

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### **Background**

The Office of Justice Programs has an annual 50/50 matching grant through 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 \$1,400 to \$4,000.

### **Analysis**

This year's grant request would be for reimbursements of up to \$3,137.50 and expire on 8/31/2022. Those funds would cover reimbursement for 50% of approximately 8 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 have to be purchased for new officers and/or replaced every 5 years. This is a regularly budgeted item and will not require a supplemental appropriation.

### **Recommendation**

SPD requests approval to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.