Thursday, May 15, 2008

Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$45,460 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Bulletproof Vest Partnership; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Police Department Operating Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$45,460 to fund the Austin Police Department Bulletproof Vest Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the Austin Police Department Bulletproof Vest Program for the grant period September 13, 2007 - September 30, 2011.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Assistant Chief David Carter/974-6866

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership is a U.S. Department of Justice initiative that provides critical resources to local law enforcement agencies. All vests purchased through this grant program comply with federal safety requirements as defined by the National Institute of Justice. The grant reimburses up to 50% of the cost of approved vest purchases.

This grant funding will allow for the purchase of 60 new vests. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.