



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1574, Agenda Item #: 12.

4/21/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with GT Distributors Inc. d/b/a GT Distributors - Austin for rifle resistant hard body armor plates in the amount of \$532,800.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$446,400 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, BG - Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$86,400 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Financial Services Department has determined this cooperative purchase program best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City Manager's Office has reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval. The contract is for the purchase of 1,776 ProTech DT206C Type III stand-alone rifle resistant hard body armor plates for Austin Police Department (APD) patrol officers and the Counter Assault Strike Team. Body armor plates have a five-year replacement lifecycle due to material degradation, moisture exposure, UV exposure, and wear and tear from daily use. All officers are assigned protective armor for daily use, and many are also issued a rifle vest. These plates are National Institute of Justice compliant, lightweight, and resistant against high velocity rounds.

The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, administered by Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative

purchasing program.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, it may result in the APD losing grant funding to purchase the equipment.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.