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**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title: SO / OOG Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program / FY25-26 Grant Application No. 5527101

Submitted By: Oscar Ugarte, Sheriff

Department: EPCSO

Department Phone Number: 915-538-2006

Subject: GRANT APPLICATION RATIFICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to ratify the submission of the Office of the Governor FY25-26 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program application on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$53,100.00 and sign the accompanying resolution. The project period is from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2025-0221)

Background: The focus of this project is providing necessary equipment to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) special response teams. Through the Office of the Governor Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, the Sheriff's Office proposes to purchase plates that serve as a vital line of defense against ballistic threats. The equipment request is to purchase 54 Level III and Level IV vests that will result in the safeguarding of the officers' life and well-being of the special response teams: Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) team, Special Weapons, Tactics (SWAT) team, and Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) team. The total request for FY 2025-2026 is \$53,100.00 with no match required. No personnel funds are requested in this grant.

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Historical
HISTORICAL:
· First year application

Fiscal Impact Projected
PROJECTED:
· FY 25-26 Grant Application \$53,100.00
· No County Match is required.

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match: No match required.

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the County Judge to ratify the submission of the Office of the Governor FY25-26 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program application on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$53,100.00 and sign the accompanying resolution. The project period is from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2025-0221)

Prior Action: · No prior action.

Strategic Plan: Goal:

1. Lead Justice Reform

Objective:

1.2 Focus on Public Safety locations, staffing, and support services

Strategic Plan Information: Options, Direction and Funding.

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**



RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO

El Paso County
Judge

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, El Paso County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of El Paso County, that the El Paso County Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program is operated for the period of October 01, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, El Paso County assures the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, El Paso County Commissioners Court designates the El Paso County Judge as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grants on behalf of El Paso County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of El Paso Commissioners Court adopts the recitals stated above and approves the grant application for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office -Criminal Justice Division.

Signed by:

Passed and approved this 10th of March, 2025.

Ricardo A. Samaniego
County Judge
County of El Paso, Texas

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