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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAG/BYRNE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,096 FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIFLE PLATES AND BALLISTIC HELMETS TO BE USED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF

Summary and Background Information:

Commerce City Police Department will be using the JAG funds to purchase Body Armor Rifle Plates and Ballistic Helmets for sworn members of the police department. Today, police officers are faced with an increase threat of high powered weapons and the need for additional body armor protection is vital for their protection. Locally, as well as Nationally, we are seeing more gun violence occurring daily. Active shooter incidents are also occurring more frequently and the question is not if an active shooter incident will occur in our community but when it will happen in our community. The purchase of this essential life-saving equipment will aid in protecting our officers as they respond to today's dangerous environment.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Clint Nichols, Chief of Police **Staff Member Presenting**: Clint Nichols will answer questions as needed

Financial Impact: \$30,096

Funding Source: Department of Justice Grant

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of Ordinance 2356

Suggested Motion: I move to introduce and approve Ordinance 2356 on first reading by Council as seated.