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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAG/BYRNE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,001 AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF.

Summary and Background Information:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams, and implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

Under this grant program, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) follows a formula to calculate funding awards made to states and local governments. In September of 2022, the City was notified that the 2022 BJA FY 22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Solicitation amount being awarded to the City of Commerce City is \$29,001.

This Budget Amendment Ordinance is being presented to Council for consideration to recognize these grant funds in the 2023 Budget. The City's Public Safety Department plans to use these funds for the purchase of Body Armor Rifle Plates, and Ballistic Helmets for sworn staff members of the 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, more gun violence is occurring daily. Active shooter incidents are also occurring more frequently. The purchase of this essential life-saving equipment will aid in protecting our officers as they respond to calls for service in today's dangerous environment.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Darrel Guadnola, Chief of Police

Staff Member Presenting: Darrel Guadnola, Chief of Police

Project Manager: Kirk Dominic, Emergency Manager

Financial Impact: N/A (grant funding)

Source of Funds: Department of Justice