

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2022-0763**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS AND
TACTICAL HELMETS FOR THE WEST ALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT SWAT
TEAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,000**

WHEREAS, on September 6th, 2022, the City adopted Resolution R-2022-0594 authorizing Chief Patrick Mitchell to accept and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wisconsin Department of Administration regarding the use of ARPA Funds through the “Safer Communities” grant program, allocating \$191,074.09 to the City of West Allis Police Department;

WHEREAS, Permitted Use of Funds within this MOU include but are not limited to bulletproof vests and other protective gear for law enforcement officers; that the West Allis Police Department has confirmed with the Department of Administration that the purchase of bulletproof vests and protective gear for its SWAT Team is an expense eligible for reimbursement through the aforementioned program;

WHEREAS, The West Allis Police Department SWAT Team is equipped with tactical helmets and ballistic vests, that these vests protect officers engaged in SWAT-related incidents and operations, and that the current gear has reached manufacturer expiration, requiring replacement;

WHEREAS, The West Allis Police Department has researched replacement equipment with various vendors, evaluated equipment, and identified Safariland body armor via Streichers and tactical helmets via ArmorSource as most suitable for its needs; that the West Allis Police and Finance Departments confirmed that Safariland body armor is available under State Contract 505-ENT-017-BODYARMOR-05; that the Police and Finance Departments confirmed via multiple quotes from various vendors that the City is receiving the most competitive price for the cost of ArmorSource tactical helmets and no further bidding is required;

WHEREAS, the cost of this protective gear exceeds \$10,000; that approval to purchase these items were sought from and granted by the Police and Fire Commission at their meeting on October 20, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of West Allis that the request by the West Allis Police Department to purchase ballistic vests and tactical helmets for SWAT Team members not to exceed \$81,000 is hereby approved, with the purchases to be charged to Account #250-8044-521.60-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total cost for this purchase will be reimbursed by the Department of Administration through the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding provided paid invoices for these purchases are forwarded to the Department of Administration no later than June 30, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

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Ald. Vince Vitale	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Tracy Stefanski	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Thomas Lajsic	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Rosalie Reinke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor, City Of West
Allis