



COLLIN COUNTY

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To: County Judge and Commissioners Court
From: Jeff May, County Auditor
Date: August 22, 2014
Re: Approval to Apply for Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Since 2007, Collin County has been awarded federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program grant funds, which reimbursed the county for 50% of the costs associated with purchasing body armor for our law enforcement officers. However, our application for FY 2015 funding was denied, resulting in a need to seek private foundation funding to supply our officers with this critical personal protective equipment.

We are seeking approval to apply for a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant in the amount of \$19,984 to purchase vests for 31 Sheriff's Office deputies whose vests will be expiring during FY 2015. There is no match requirement, which if awarded, will save the county \$9,992 as compared with the BVP Program.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not make direct cash awards. Instead, the Foundation purchases directly from the equipment vendor based on the quote provided with the application, which bypasses the usual County purchasing processes. If awarded, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will order the items, based on measurements provided by the Sheriff's Office to the vendor, and have them shipped to our location. Once we have received the vests and submitted the packing slip to the Foundation, the invoice will be paid.

Notification of award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is typically made within 6 weeks following the application submission deadline.

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