

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Ratify, Grant Application, FY 2015 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant – Auditor

On **September 22, 2014**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self
Mark Reid
Cheryl Williams
Chris Hill
Duncan Webb**

**County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered a request for ratification of the County Judge's prior approval of a grant application for the FY 2015 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant.

Thereupon, a motion was made, seconded and carried with a majority vote of the court for ratification of the County Judge's prior approval of a grant application for the FY 2015 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant in the amount of \$19,984 to purchase soft body armor/bullet proof vests for 31 Collin County Sheriff's Office deputies. Same is hereby approved in accordance with the attached documentation.



Keith Self, County Judge

Mark Reid, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, T E X A S

**Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation
Grant Application**

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization/Department
Collin County Sheriff's Office

Department Tax ID#
75-6000873

Address
2300 Bloomdale Road

City **State** **Zip**
McKinney TX 75070

Organization Phone Number/Ext
972-424-1460 x4631

Alternate Contact Number/Ext
972-548-4638

Communities Served

Allen, Anna, Blue Ridge, Celina, Fairview, Farmersville, Frisco, Josephine, Lavon, Lowry Crossing, Lucas, McKinney, Melissa, Murphy, Nevada, New Hope, Parker, Plano, Princeton, Prosper, Weston, Wylie

Population
854,778

Number of Runs/Calls for Service per Year
56,858

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

For each of the four required documents, please submit a PDF document not to exceed 20 MB.

- **Background History** – history of the department or organization applying for funds.
- **Quote for Requested Equipment** – recent quote, including sales tax where applicable and estimated freight charge, for ALL equipment requested from a vendor with vendor contact information. If approved for funding, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will NOT exceed the dollar amount quoted.
- **Financial Information** – include most recent financial information including bank statement, financial statement, previous year's audit report or revised budget including balance sheet.
- **Inventory** – current inventory of major apparatus including special equipment (i.e., thermal imagers, extrication tools, etc.) / typed list of all major equipment.

APPLICATION REQUEST INFORMATION

Type of Grant Requested

Equipment Donation/Prevention Education Items

If you are requesting equipment (If donation is approved, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will work with your preferred manufacturer to purchase the equipment and have it shipped to your location. Once the equipment arrives, a signed and dated copy of the packing slip must be sent to the Foundation as verification of receipt for the equipment. The Foundation will then pay the invoice.):

What Equipment are you requesting for your department? (limit 300 characters)

We are requesting soft body armor/bullet proof vests for the 31 Collin County Sheriff's Office deputies whose vests are expiring this year.

TOTAL cost the equipment (including sales tax and shipping, where applicable)

\$19,984

Briefly explain how the equipment will benefit your community and department. (limit 500 characters)

Body armor is considered critical personal protective equipment necessary for law enforcement and corrections officers and, as such, the Collin County Sheriff's Office has a mandatory wear policy. Body armor provides an increased level of protection for a range of criminal and accidental threats that officers face in everyday policing events, not just in the expected, high-risk situations. Wearing body armor allows officers to protect themselves so they can protect others.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Have you unsuccessfully reached out to the city for funds to purchase the equipment?

Collin County has received a Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), grant to provide bullet proof vests for those employees who require soft body armor for the past 10 years. As such, the county does not annually budget for these expenses. Unfortunately, we were notified in July 2014 that we would not be receiving DOJ grant funds this year. The county is unable to absorb the cost of this life-saving equipment this far into the budget cycle for FY 2015. We are requesting grant funding from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to cover the costs associated with replacement for the 31 Sheriff's Office deputies whose vests expire this year.

Was there a particular instance where a life would have been positively impacted if you would have had the equipment available?

Within the past two years, officers have been shot at on two occasions. During the first incident, two patrol deputies responded to a disturbance call at night and were met by gun fire from a barricaded subject; tactical was called in to end the incident. During a more recent case, two deputies were attempting to serve an arrest warrant when the subject opened fire on them from a few feet away, with one round passing through one deputy's pants leg. While the vest was not hit in either instance, body armor provides protection to deputies who face potentially fatal confrontation on a daily basis.

What positive effects will the equipment specifically have? Please use statistics when possible.

Lightweight body armor has been widely available for use by law enforcement personnel for more than 30 years, and the decreasing number of officers killed since then attests to the protection it provides. While firearms are one of the most dangerous threats faced by law enforcement officers, body armor has over 3,000 documented saves that include motor vehicle crashes, officers struck by vehicles, lightning strikes, ox gores, explosions, falls, cement blocks tossed from buildings, tow truck cable snaps, horse kicks, and bicycle and motorcycle spills, as well as protection from firearms.

The use of weapons of all types, particularly handguns by those with criminal intent, poses a constant threat to officers, whether they are performing a routine traffic stop, responding to a domestic quarrel, or serving arrest warrants. According to data published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), approximately 92% of the 535 non-federal law enforcement officers feloniously killed in the line of duty between 2003 and 2012 were killed by a firearm. In 2012 alone, 48 law enforcement officers died from injuries incurred in the line of duty during felonious incidents; 44 were killed with firearms. A study published in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* found that body armor more than triples the likelihood that a police officer will survive a shooting to the torso.

Additionally, the same properties that provide ballistic protection—resistance to penetration and blunt trauma—when combined with abrasion resistance materials have also saved many officers from serious physical injury in vehicular accidents, motorcycle accidents, and injury from physical assault with 2 by 4's, baseball bats, and other rigid objects. According to a 2010 RAND Corporation study, outfitting all law enforcement officers in the United States with body armor would save 8.5 lives per year, resulting in a benefit that is nearly twice the cost. Body armor is critical safety equipment that law enforcement and corrections officers need for personal protection. Vests save lives.

FIREHOUSE SUBS RELATIONSHIP

Name of Franchisee of the Firehouse Subs location nearest you

Dave Patel

Address of Firehouse Subs location nearest you

5999 Custer Road
Frisco, Texas 75035

How did you hear about our organization?

First Responder Grants newsletter

Has your department received funding from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the past two years? This information will be verified, if submitted incorrectly it will result in automatic denial.

No

If approved for funding we will facilitate a media presentation/press event at a local Firehouse Subs restaurant to demonstrate the equipment and acknowledge the donation. It may take up to a year depending on location and donation delivery time frame. In the meantime, we ask that any immediate media announcements regarding the grant award be approved by the Foundation.

PIO (Public Information Officer) Name

Tim Wyatt

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PIO Phone Number

972-548-4673

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I, as our organization's representative, am over the age of 21.

Keith Self

Applicant Name



Applicant Signature

8/27/14

Date

