

INTRODUCED: April 24, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-127

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Office of the Attorney General Special Fund by \$300,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing protective equipment for on-duty police officers in the city of Richmond.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 8 2023 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of purchasing protective equipment for on-duty police officers in the city of Richmond.

§ 2. That the funds received from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General are hereby appropriated to the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, by increasing estimated revenues by \$300,000.00, increasing the amount

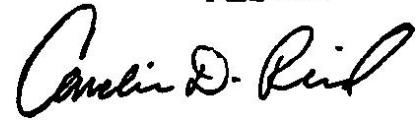
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ADOPTED:   MAY 8 2023   REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_   STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

appropriated for expenditures by \$300,000.00, and allotting to the Department of Police's Office of the Attorney General Special Fund the sum of \$300,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing protective equipment for on-duty police officers in the city of Richmond.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:  
TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolin D. Rind". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**City Clerk**

2023-125



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

### O&R REQUEST

**DATE:** March 7, 2023 **EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor *Levar M. Stoney*

**THROUGH:** J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer *J.E. Lincoln Saunders*

**THROUGH:** Sabrina Joy-Hogg, DCAO Finance and Administration *Sabrina Joy-Hogg*

**THROUGH:** Sheila D. White, Director of Finance *Sheila D. White*

**THROUGH:** Jason May, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning *Jason May*

**FROM:** Richard G. Edwards, Acting Chief of Police *Richard G. Edwards* 3-16-23

**RE:** Acceptance of grant funds to support Police Officer Safety and Security (ARPA Funds)

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to accept \$300,000.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and appropriate the same to the FY2023 Special Fund Budget to support Police Officer Safety and Security. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment to protect and secure police officers while on duty.

**REASON:** The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will provide \$300,000 in grants to the Richmond Police Department (RPD) to purchase equipment to protect and secure police officers while on duty.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This funding is recommended to be accepted and appropriated to the Richmond Police Department FY 2023 Special Fund Budget for the Office of the Attorney General.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 9, 2021, the OAG was allocated \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding through the Virginia General Assembly to address community-based gun violence prevention programming. The OAG has designated a portion of these funds for police departments to support the implementation of data-informed strategies that will reduce gun violence in local communities disproportionately af-

ected by gun violence. Funding may be used for equipment, new program implementation, training, or existing program enhancement.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** These funds will increase the FY23 Special Funds Budget.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The addition of these funds (\$300,000.00) will allow the Richmond Police Department to purchase equipment to protect and secure police officers while on duty.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** Yes. This request amends the FY23 Special Fund Budget.

**REVENUE TO CITY:** The City of Richmond will add \$300,000.00 to the FY23 Special Funds Budget – Office of Attorney General.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon Adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** March 27, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** April 10, 2023

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Public Safety

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** None.

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Department of Finance, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning, and the Richmond Police Department

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** This amends the Special Fund Budget, Ordinance 2022-056

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Grant Award, Special Fund Agency Detail, Special Fund Description by Agency  
**STAFF:**

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August 31, 2022

Linclon Saunders  
City of Staff  
City of Richmond  
900 E. Broad St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 501  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Dear Lincoln Saunders:

Attached is a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that was signed by your agency for ARPA funds to reduce violence in in your community because it was disproportionately affected by gun violence. Please sign and return the new MOU and Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance (SOGA). Your grant number is **22-ARPA0005** and is approved for a total award of **\$300,000**, funded through Federal Grant **Assistance Listing Number: 21.027**. Upon mutual agreement this grant may be paid in a lump sum transfer or on a reimbursement basis. The project period is **07/01/2022** through **6/30/2024**.

Included with this letter is a SOGA and the General Special Conditions, as well as the reporting requirements and projected due dates.

We will be happy to assist you in any way we can to assure your project's success. To indicate your acceptance of the award and conditions, please sign the included MOU and SOGA and return it electronically within the next 60 days to [mfero@oag.state.va.us](mailto:mfero@oag.state.va.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Fero".

Mark Fero  
Director of Programs



**Brief Project Overview:**

The Richmond Police Department (RPD) seeks grant funding to purchase officer protection and security equipment.

**Statement of the Problem/Need (Abbreviated Application):**

The Richmond Police Department (RPD), led by Interim Chief Richard Edwards and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), was founded in 1807. RPD is a 2021 Public Safety Partnership (PSP) Site (<https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/>) that receives expedited, coordinated training and technical assistance (TTA) and an array of resources from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to enhance local public safety strategies. The department has an authorized strength of 755 officers and 126.5 civilians. As of March 2023, RPD needs more staff, with over 150 vacancies. The current recruitment class consists of 13 recruits, less than an average recruit class size of 25 or more. RPD plans to hire a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Consultant to implement and execute an officer recruitment and retention plan.

The department's overarching mission is to make Richmond safer through community policing and engagement. We aim to build and sustain relationships within the communities where we work, learn, play, and worship. RPD has a rich history of working with various internal and external partners, including City of Richmond agencies, federal and state agencies, corporations, faith-based communities, non-profit organizations, community programs, projects, and colleges and universities. We continue to echo our mission and vision while sustaining community partnerships with fewer human resources.

Operating with minimal human resources in a heightened, unjust global community can be challenging. Officers must be safe when confronting potentially violent situations. RPD is experiencing an uptick in physical assaults. According to Sipes (2022), "Last year we saw more

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officers shot in the line of duty than any other since the National Fraternal Order of Police began recording this data in late 2015, and this year is not far behind.” (First para.) According to statistics reported to the FBI, 59 police officers were killed in the line of duty from January 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021. This marks a 51 percent increase in police officers killed compared to the same period last year. Richmond has seen its share of assaults. Nationally, 60,105 law enforcement officers were assaulted while performing their duties in 2020. These assaults were reported to the FBI by 9,895 law enforcement agencies. Based on these reports, there were 4,071 more officers assaulted in 2020 than 56,034 assaults in 2019.

Data continues to show that most Americans trust or respect law enforcement regardless of demographics. But it’s also evident from numerous sources that many police officers feel judged or disrespected by many within society painting law enforcement with a broad brush based on the actions of a few.

There is nothing keeping police officers in place beyond public support. Suppose one adds the dangerous nature of the job with high numbers of officers shot or assaulted or tens of thousands leaving. In that case, it significantly adds to the complexity of crime control and citizen safety per data on proactive policing.

Richmond Officers have been assaulted to comply with the state statutes and city ordinances that govern activities in public areas. To address this issue, RPD is requesting grant funds to support the purchase of ballistic car shields and window tinting for police vehicles.



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Attorney General  
**Project Goals and Objectives Form**

Applicants must complete and submit a *Project Plan* with their application. It is recommended that applicants choose one goal and no more than three objectives. Each objective must be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Related to the project goal, and Time-bound (SMART). A separate form must be submitted for each objective.

**Please use Times New Roman, 11 points.** The text boxes will expand to accommodate text. Insert additional rows, if needed, for Activities. Otherwise, please do not alter the form.

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# ITEMIZED BUDGET

1. Personnel/Employees				ARPA FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
a. Name of Employees	Position Titles	Annual Salary Rate	Hours Devoted	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Fringe Benefits								\$0
FICA % =								\$0
RETIREMENT =								\$0
OTHER (Itemize) =								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PERSONNEL (A+B)				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. Consultants (including Travel and Subsistence)				ARPA FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
				FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
<u>a. Individual Consultants</u>								
Type								\$0
Hours Devoted:								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>b. Organizations and Associations</u>								
Type:								\$0
Fee:								\$0
Time Devoted:								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>c. Consultants' Subsistence and Travel</u>								
Number of Days:								\$0
Rate/Day:								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL CONSULTANTS (a+b+c)				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3. Travel and Subsistence for Project Personnel				ARPA FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
				FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
a. Local Mileage = No. of Miles X Rate Per mile		X						\$0
b. Non Local Mileage = No. of Miles X Rate Per mile		X						\$0
c. Subsistence = number of days X rate per day		X						\$0
d. Air or other fares								\$0
TOTAL TRAVEL:				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

# ITEMIZED BUDGET Continued

4. Equipment				ARPA FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
Type	Quantity	Unit Price	Purchase or Rental	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
Ballistic Shields (vehicles)	120	2300			\$276,000			\$276,000
Window Tinting	120	200			\$24,000			\$24,000
								\$0
								\$0
TOTAL EQUIPMENT:				\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

5. Supplies and Other Expenses			ARPA FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
Type	Quantity	Price	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
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							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
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							\$0
TOTAL SUPPLIES AND OTHER:			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

6. Indirect Cost			ARPA FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
			FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
							\$0
TOTAL INDIRECT COST:			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

GRAND TOTAL:			\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
7. Cash Funds							
Cash funds from sources other than grant program supporting this project- (itemize).							
Do not add to requested Project Budget Summary accounts.)							
TOTAL:				\$300,000			\$300,000