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2022–2023 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Award Acceptance

This award acceptance contains the terms and conditions of the 2022-2023 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program award received by your agency. The Chief or Sheriff must review and sign this document prior to submission.

Award payments cannot be processed until a signed award acceptance has been received.

**AWARD ACCEPTANCE AND REQUESTS FOR DISBURSEMENT ARE DUE BY
September 30, 2023**

Ohio Attorney General's Office

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INSTRUCTIONS

- The Chief or Sheriff must sign the following Award Acceptance and comply with the terms and conditions listed below.
- Award payments cannot be disbursed before this signed Award Acceptance has been submitted.
- Please contact Attorney General's Office via e-mail at OhioLEBodyArmor@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov with any questions regarding the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program.

Please send the completed form to OhioLEBodyArmor@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

AWARD ACCEPTANCE AND REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT ARE DUE BY September 30, 2023

AGENCY INFORMATION

Recipient Organization: North Royalton Police Department

Award Amount: \$11,407.50

Award Period End Date: September 30, 2023

ACCEPTANCE

The Recipient Organization agrees as follows:

I. Funding Purpose and Recapture of Funds. In accordance with the terms hereof, the Recipient Organization (the "Recipient") agrees to receive certain award funds under the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program (the "Funds") for a 75% reimbursement of the purchase price of bulletproof vests purchased pursuant to the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program. The Recipient agrees that it will be liable to repay any Funds spent in a manner inconsistent with this Agreement or the stated purpose as determined by the Ohio Attorney General (the "Attorney General"). This Award Acceptance may only be modified in a writing signed by the Attorney General and the Recipient.

II. Limitations on Use of Funds. Funds received under the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program will not be used for any political campaign or governmental lobbying in a partisan manner. Purchases of bulletproof vests must have been made during the Award Period as stated above in order to be reimbursed.

III. Disbursement of Funds. Direct payments will be made by Electronic Funds Transfers to Recipients that have submitted an Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of EFT Payments form to the Attorney General. Otherwise, payment will be made by check from the Office of Budget and Management. For all awards, the Funds will be disbursed upon receipt from the Recipient of this signed Award Acceptance and a completed Request for Payment Form including all necessary documentation of the purchase, and upon Attorney General approval. In order to be reimbursed, all required documentation must be submitted by September 30, 2023 via e-mail to OhioLEBodyArmor@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov. Disbursements are contingent upon the timely submission and approval of all required documentation (which may include, but is not limited to, original invoices and receipts). No payments will be made after November 30, 2023.

IV. Liability. Recipient agrees that the Attorney General and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation are not responsible for the operation of the bulletproof vests purchased pursuant to this program. In the event of an injury or occupational disease arising from the implementation of the program, the Recipient and the employee's sole and exclusive remedy shall be pursuant to the workers' compensation laws of the appropriate jurisdiction.

V. Ethics/Conflict of Interest. The Recipient, by signature on this Award Acceptance, certifies that it has reviewed and understands the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws, and will take no action inconsistent with those laws.

VI. Non-Discrimination. Pursuant to R.C. 125.111 and the Attorney General's policy, Recipient agrees that Recipient and any person acting on behalf of Recipient shall not discriminate, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry against any citizen of this state in the employment of any person qualified and available to perform the work described herein. Recipient further agrees that Recipient and any person acting on behalf of Recipient shall not, in any manner, discriminate against, intimidate, or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of work described herein on account of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry.

VII. Campaign Contribution Limits. The Recipient hereby certifies that neither Recipient nor any of Recipient's partners, officers, directors or shareholders, if any, nor the spouses of any such person, have made contributions in excess of the limitations specified in R.C. 3517.13.

VIII. Compliance with Law. The Recipient, in expending the Funds, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

IX. Authority to Bind Parties. The person signing this Award Acceptance on behalf of Recipient is legally authorized to obligate the Recipient.

X. Certification of Funds. It is expressly understood and agreed by Recipient that none of the rights, duties, and obligations described herein shall be binding until all relevant statutory provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, including, but not limited to, R.C. 126.07, have been complied with, and until such time as all necessary funds are available or encumbered and, when required, such expenditure of funds is approved by the Controlling Board of the State of Ohio, or in the event that grant funds are used, until such time that the Attorney General gives Recipient written notice that such funds have been made available to the Attorney General by the Attorney General's funding source.

XI. Reporting Requirement. Recipient shall submit one report one (1) year after the purchase of the vests describing the utilization of the vests and the outcome received from the expenditure of the Funds. The report shall be completed online to provide data on the utilization of the vests and workers' compensation claims of injury related to shooting incidents over a period of twelve (12) months following the purchase of the vests. Additional data elements include reporting the number of hours worked by law enforcement officers utilizing the vests over a period of twelve (12) months. The report shall be completed through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program web page. This report shall be submitted within ninety (90) calendar days following the one year anniversary of the purchase of the vests. If the report is not filed, or if the report is not completely filled out, the Recipient shall be liable to repay the full amount of the Funds received.

XII. Time of Performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Award Acceptance shall expire when the obligations set forth herein are complete.

By my signature on behalf of the Recipient, I agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Award Acceptance and the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program and to use all Funds solely for the purposes intended. I further understand I may be subject to civil, criminal and/or administrative penalties as the result of any false, fictitious and misleading or fraudulent statements made and/or if the Funds are not used, or are misused, misapplied, or misappropriated in any way and/or are used for purchases and/or services not associated with the approved application submitted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Recipient has caused this Award Acceptance to be executed by its authorized officers.

OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT

Chief/Sheriff Printed Name: KEITH TARASE

Title: CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief/Sheriff Signature: 

Date: 6-5-2023



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Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program

Request for Payment

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Reimbursement Request: \$ 11,407.50

Date: 5/26/2023

APPLICANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

Agency: North Royalton Police Department

Applicant's State of Ohio OAKS ID#: _____ (OR) Tax ID#: 34 600 2054

Street Address: 14000 Bennett Road

City: North Royalton State: Ohio ZIP: 44133

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Item Description/Unit	Quantity	X	Unit Cost	=	Total*
Level IIIA+ Vest w/ 2 carriers	17		\$ 805.00		\$ 13,685.00
Level IV Plate Carriers	5		\$ 305.00		\$ 1,525.00
			\$		\$ 0.00
			\$		\$ 0.00
			\$		\$ 0.00
			\$		\$ 0.00
Total Cost of Items					\$ 15,210.00
Less 25% Match Requirement					\$ -3,802.50
Total Eligible for Reimbursement					\$ 11,407.50

*Cell totals in the last column are automatically calculated.

Must attach documentation for justification, including proof of payment, for the above request for reimbursement. Requests for payment must be signed and submitted no later than **September 30, 2023**.

CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE

I certify that all information and transactions I have reported in this report is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information.

Name of Designated Official	Title	Signature
Keith N. Tarase	Chief of Police	

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022

The Safety Committee meeting was held on July 19, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Mike Wos, Vice Chair Jeremy Dietrich, Dawn Carbone-McDonald; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Joanne Krejci, John Nickell; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Police Chief Keith Tarase, Finance Director Jenny Esarey, Law Director Thomas Kelly; **Other:** Joel Spatz, Michael McDonald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 21, 2022 Safety Committee minutes. Moved by Mr. Wos, seconded by Ms. Carbone-McDonald. Vote: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Police & Safety Report

See report.

Mr. Nickell inquired about the car thefts. He wanted to know if having the cameras to view license plates would have helped solve any of the thefts. Chief Tarase felt it was possible.

Chief Tarase shared that he e-mailed Council some information on the fireworks complaints that were handled in June and July. Included were the addresses and locations of the complaints, along with a map of where the complaints were. He had 49 firework complaints, in which 6 citations were given.

Mr. Wos asked for further details regarding the trucking violations. Chief Tarase indicated that trucks were driving on roads that they are not supposed to, dropping loads on the roadway and tracking mud. Others have had tail gates down while hauling loads.

Chief Tarase was pleased to report that we were awarded \$11,407.50 today to purchase Body Armor for officers as part of the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program. This would be reimbursement on money we spend on purchasing new vests.

Mr. Dietrich raised question whether there would be a need for another canine officer, if we were able to find another grant; he offered his assistance to search for grants. Chief Tarase indicated he is currently looking at a program to possibly add another canine to the department. However, it would not be a working drug dog, but along the lines of a Therapy Dog. Mr. Dietrich asked if Chief Tarase would need any help in that effort. He spoke about the last grant when he was not on Council, as to the money received through a foundation. Chief Tarase stated that they have it handled at this time. He is just waiting for the proposal to reach his desk.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald inquired about the cost for a therapy dog. Chief Tarase explained that the dog itself would not cost anything, however, expenses are being put together as to what comes with the dog. Mr. Nickell questioned how it would be used in day-to-day operations. Ms. Carbone-McDonald felt it would be great in the schools. Chief Tarase noted that we are looking to partner with the schools in using it through our SRO (School Resource Officer). Mr. Dietrich asked if an officer would be assigned to that dog. Chief Tarase concurred.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald inquired about whether we could fundraise for this. Chief Tarase agreed. Ms. Krejci pointed out that the school PTA usually has money left at the end of the year.

Chief Tarase shared that Richmond Heights has a very successful Therapy Canine Program, which we are looking at. Our SRO has reached out to other agencies and she has done a lot of work on it. There are a

number of cities doing it, whereas Ohio is one of the premier training locations for these types of canines. Ms. Carbone-McDonald was grateful, along with Mr. Dietrich.

Mr. Nickell commented that cities can get things for free at times, however, then there is the ongoing cost. He was not against the idea. He asked what the dog would be doing when school is out. He was considering feedback from the community about the spendings on a therapy dog. He recalled there was a lot of push back in Brecksville for something similar for their middle school. He wanted to know if it is worthwhile and what we are using it for, as well as long term costs. Chief Tarase reiterated that it was an idea being worked on and that he would not know the exact details until he receives the proposal.

Mr. Dietrich loved the idea for the kids also. He suggested that we could use it at the Senior Center. Chief Tarase stated that it was not just for the community, but for the officers as well; for their stress and anxiety on the job.

2. Hydrant Painting and Maintenance

Mayor Antoskiewicz received an e-mail from Chief Chegan indicating that they are in Ward 5 currently, for hydrant maintenance. Due to supply issues, the company painting the hydrants is still backed up; with no exact date when they would be doing so.

3. Safety Town

Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that Chief Chegan would be meeting with the school board Superintendent within the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dietrich moved to add the topic of deer hunting and allow for discussion. Seconded by Mr. Wos. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich wanted to propose a potential change again to the deer hunting for this year. As originally set up, it required that you get two doe before you get a buck. He went on to say last year, the Chief was able to change it to getting one doe, before getting a buck. Mr. Dietrich would like to propose that we require no "doe" first this year, which would not need to be a permanent change. Mr. Dietrich commented that he paid his fees and saw nothing but bucks, with no opportunities in getting a deer; because he was not able to shoot a buck. At least six other residents shared with him the same exact issue. He brought up the four accidents relating to deer. At least for this year, he asked if Chief Tarase would consider having no restriction on how we hunt.

Marnecheck asked for clarification on what would change comparatively. Mr. Dietrich indicated it would allow of getting a buck first; with no restrictions. He noted that hunters are all experiencing the same thing. He agreed that the program is working and felt it would help balance things out. Chief Tarase indicated he would be willing to change that. He also heard the same from some hunters, whereas they only saw bucks when hunting; with no successful hunt. He agreed to do so for this season. Mr. Dietrich was appreciative.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Wos seconded by Mr. Dietrich to adjourn the July 21, 2022 meeting. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.