

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 004

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Act of 1998, reauthorized said Act by the BVP Act of 2000 and allocated monies nationwide to be used to help state and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests and body armor for use by law enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for funding for up to 50% of the cost of purchasing National Institute of Justice (NIJ) approved vests to each local agency that receives and accepts a federal grant under the Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to timely submit an application to receive funding under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 for the fiscal year 2025, the City, through its Police Department, has applied for funding in the amount of \$8,187.50 for the replacement of approximately ten (10) armor vests to be purchased during 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, when the City is advised that its application for funding under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant is approved, the City is desirous of accepting such award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** That this Council hereby ratifies, confirms and approves the submission of an application for financial assistance to the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, for fiscal year 2025, in the form on file with the Chief of Police.

**Section 2.** That execution and filing by the Mayor, Chief of Police, and/or other appropriate officers of the City be and is hereby ratified, approved and authorized for an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for funding for the replacement of approximately ten (10) vests during 2025 and 2026, having a cost of approximately \$16,375.00, to provide the required assurances therein, and to provide all information and documentation required in said application.

**Section 3.** That this Council hereby approves the acceptance of any award of funding under such Grant program for fiscal year 2025, and hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, Chief of Police, and/or other appropriate officers of the City to do all things necessary in furtherance thereof.

**Section 4.** That the funds required to meet the City's obligations under said application have been appropriated and shall be paid from the General Fund.

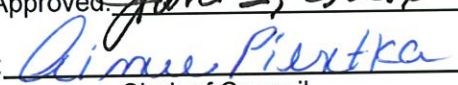
**Section 5.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 6.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the prompt execution of such application is required in order to comply with application deadlines, protect the health and safety of the City's police officers, to enhance continuity of Police Department operations, to accept such funds when awarded, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

  
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 President of Council

Approved:   
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 Mayor

Date Passed: January 5, 2026  
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Date Approved: Jan 5, 2026  
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 Clerk of Council

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