

to the Town for the purchase, the Town's contribution toward the radio system purchase is less than what was appropriated, as shown below:

Radio System Expense	\$ 59,122
Orange County contribution	\$ (15,000)
USDA Rural Development funding	\$ (20,600)
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Balance to be paid by Town	\$ 23,522
Town Appropriation	\$ 59,500
Town funds remaining	\$ 35,978

Chief is respectfully requesting that Council permit \$10,000 of the remaining radio purchase funds be used to purchase quality ballistic vests that are not only less aggressive in their appearance, but also provide the proper level of protection for the Town's police officers. The new vests will last approximately five years, allowing Chief to establish a schedule for vest replacement that, moving forward, permits the use of the Edward T. Byrne Grant every four years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council allocate \$10,000 unspent from funding appropriated for the purchase of police radios for the purchase of ballistic vests for the Police Department, as presented.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

“Motion to allocate \$10,000 unspent from funding appropriated for the purchase of police radios for the purchase of ballistic vests for the Police Department, as presented.”