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Dear Members of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to respectfully request your approval to accept a grant from the Department of Justice. The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant, in the amount of \$12,220.00, may be awarded and will reimburse the Town for 50% of the cost to purchase new vests for our officers.

The Southbury Police Department has a mandatory wear policy for ballistic vests. Under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Southbury and FOP Lodge 35, we are required to replace officers' vests every five years or upon expiration, whichever comes first. This contractual obligation ensures that our officers have the highest level of protection while serving our community.

Each vest costs approximately \$1,220.00. Securing this grant will help offset these expenses, reducing the Town's overall financial commitment, while ensuring we remain compliant with safety standards and contractual obligations.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Southbury Police Department. Please let me know if you require any additional information or documentation regarding this grant.

Respectfully,

Christopher Grillo
Chief of Police
Southbury Police Department