

Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant

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KEY FACTS

♦ Agency:

Texas Governor's Office

- ◆ Award Information: Deadline: September 2019
- ♦ Award Date Range: Either Jan. 1 or Mar. 1 2020
- ♦ Application Guide: Guide: https://bit.ly/2GwDlIK Program Summary: https://bit.ly/2VAddk9
- ♦ Current Program Funds: Total Funds Per Cycle: Up to \$25 million
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PURPOSE

The goal of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) is to provide needed funding to improve public safety and support victims of crime by filling system gaps and promoting innovative solutions to common problems. In 2017, in response to the July 7th, 2016, shooting of numerous police officers in Dallas, Texas, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 12, which created a grant program within the governor's office to increase the safety of Texas' law enforcement officers by assisting agencies in the purchase of rifleresistant body armor. CJD is now accepting applications for projects under this program. For more information, please visit: https://bit.ly/2SfeZdi

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applications may be submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and units of local government and educational institutions that operate law enforcement agencies employing peace officers under Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, including municipalities, counties, independent school districts, universities, public and private colleges and universities, federally recognized Native American tribes, community colleges and hospital districts. (This announcement has been revised to remove restrictions on state public universities.) State agencies other than the Texas Department of Public Safety are not authorized under law to apply for funds under this grant program.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Grant funds are restricted to obtaining body armor compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standard (Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor NIJ Standard-0101.06) type III (rifles) or type IV (armor piercing rifle) body armor, including bullet-resistant vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers.

Funds may be used for the outright purchase of eligible equipment, or other supply-service or subscription models. However, grant funds are restricted to the one-year project period, and costs for any subscription models or additional extended warranties that extend beyond the project period must be prorated to correspond to the project period.

FIGURES

The Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant is one year old, so little data is available. All applicants that applied for the 2018 grant award received funding.

