

Bulletproof Vest Partnership

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KEY FACTS

◆ Agency:

U.S. Department of Justice,
Office of Justice Programs

◆ Award Information:

Applications open in April
and close 6 weeks from
opening date

◆ Award Date Range:

3-4 months after the
application period closes

◆ Application Guide:

<https://bit.ly/2TdubIH>

◆ Current Program Funds:

Total Funds Per Cycle:
\$30 million
Max Funds Per Applicant:
\$500,000
Min Funds Per Applicant:
\$122.08

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program is to reimburse states, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions up to 50% of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers. For more info, visit: <https://bit.ly/2IQ5e1a>

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any recognized unit of general government (states, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions). The jurisdiction's chief executive is required to complete the online registration and to provide general oversight and approval of key transactions between the BVP Program and the participating law enforcement agencies. The term 'Law Enforcement Officer' means any officer, agent, or employee of a State, unit of local government, or federally recognized tribes authorized by law or by a government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of any violation of criminal law, or authorized by law to supervise sentenced criminal offenders. This includes full, part-time and auxiliary personnel, whether paid or volunteer.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Vest Requirements: In order to qualify for this reimbursement, body armor must comply with the most current National Institute of Justice JTIC - Ballistic Armor Compliant Product List (NIJ) body armor standards, as of the date the body armor was ordered. **SWAT vests/tactical armor vest eligibility:** BVP funds can be used for tactical level armor, but for only one vest per officer in a replacement cycle. **Mandatory Wear Policy:** BJA will continue the existing policy that requires a written mandatory wear policy for uniformed patrol officers in place when the FY 2018 BVP applications are submitted. **Uniquely Fitted Vest Requirement:** preference should be given to BVP recipients that provide armor vests to law enforcement officers that are uniquely fitted for such officers, including vests uniquely fitted to individual female law enforcement officers. For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2Tg5FGL>

FIGURES

