

# Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)

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Body armor for state and local law enforcement

[Grant Website and Guidelines](#)

**Grant Deadline:** All applications must be submitted online by 6:00 pm ET, May 29, 2018

## Over 1 million body armor vests awarded since 1999

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions, a total of \$430 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests (1,294,837) as of July, 2017).

### What this grant does for your agency

Agencies awarded the [Bulletproof Vest Partnership \(BVP\)](#) receive funds for state and local law enforcement officers to procure body armor.

**Documentation Requirement:** Grantees are required to keep documentation to support the BVP vest application and payment requests for at least a three year period.

**Other Federal Funds:** Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds or other federal funding sources may not be used to pay for that portion of the bullet proof vest (50%) that is not covered by BVP funds. JAG or other federal funds may be used to purchase vests for an agency, but they may not be used as the 50% match for BVP purposes.

NEW: Uniquely Fitted Armor Vest Requirement The BVP Reauthorization Act of 2015 included a provision that states that BJA may give preferential consideration 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. This provision is applicable to FY 17 BVP awards moving forward. Please see the BVP Reauthorization Act of 2015 amendment for reference: <https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ155/PLAW-114publ155.pdf>.

Only a limited number of grants will be awarded.

## Grant Eligibility

For full eligibility details, see the [Grant Guidelines](#)

## About the OJP

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