

FACT SHEET

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS \$56 MILLION TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (\$29.8 million)

More than \$29.8 million was awarded to 4,470 jurisdictions across all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico under OJP's Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, which reimburses states, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities and local jurisdictions up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers. Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with a total of \$447 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests (1,312,281 as of January 2018). A list of this year's award recipients is available online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xP5x2>.

Law Enforcement Safety and Wellness Programs (\$12.1 million)

OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance is providing more than \$12 million to support the National Officer Safety and VALOR Initiatives. These programs address the Department of Justice's priority to support and protect America's law enforcement personnel by providing officer safety and wellness training, technical assistance and other resources to the field. Of this funding, under the *Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative*, more than \$9 million in supplemental funding will be awarded to two organizations:

- The Institute for Intergovernmental Research will receive \$6,533,036 to enhance the VALOR Program's portfolio of innovative on-site and online officer safety and wellness training, resources and services. This organization will receive an additional \$2 million to focus on developing and delivering a national program focused on preventing officer suicide.
- The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund will receive \$500,000 to continue the Destination Zero Program, which educates law enforcement on promising officer safety and wellness programs.

Under the *2018 National Officer Safety Initiatives Program*, BJA is providing \$3.1 million to three recipients to address officer safety and survival through a multifaceted approach, including national research, analysis and development of recommendations on law enforcement suicide prevention. Recipients include:

- The Police Foundation will receive \$1,200,000 to provide training to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies on traffic safety issues identified through research and data.
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police will receive \$1 million to convene a consortium to develop a report on law enforcement suicide and provide recommendations.
- The National Sheriffs' Association will receive \$900,000 to develop and deliver messaging to increase community support of law enforcement.

Body-Worn Camera Program (\$12.2million)

BJA awarded more than \$12.2 million to 75 law enforcement agencies under its *Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program*. Divided into four categories of funding, these awards provide law enforcement agencies with resources to pilot, establish or enhance comprehensive body-worn camera programs. Funding will enable grantees to improve their capacity to gather evidence and protect the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens. Recipients include:

Category I: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Programs through State or Regional Consortia:

Awardee State or Territory	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alabama	Jefferson County	\$702,000
Georgia	Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$247,500
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	\$1,399,816
Texas	Harris County	\$1,398,812

Category II: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Programs for Small and Mid-Sized Agencies (fewer than 250 sworn officers):

Awardee State or Territory	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alabama	Tuscaloosa County Commission	\$30,000
Arizona	City of Yuma	\$115,500
Arizona	Nogales Police Department	\$82,500
Arkansas	City of Jonesboro	\$300,000
California	Emeryville Police Department	\$67,500
California	City of Santa Rosa	\$41,023
California	City of Gustine	\$54,000
California	County of Nevada	\$123,000
California	Redwood City Police Department	\$150,146
California	City of Bell Police Department	\$52,500
California	Petaluma Police Department	\$39,191
Colorado	City of Thornton	\$153,180
Colorado	Grand County Sheriff's Office	\$1,602
Colorado	City of Durango	\$60,000
Delaware	City of Newark	\$90,000
Florida	City of Fort Myers	\$37,500
Florida	Seminole Tribe of Florida	\$306,000
Florida	City of Hallandale Beach	\$141,984
Florida	Eatonville Police Department	\$7,599
Idaho	City of Idaho Falls	\$135,000
Illinois	City of Moline	\$21,356

Illinois	Village of Montgomery	\$50,000
Indiana	City of Fishers	\$120,000
Iowa	Dubuque County Sheriff's Office	\$57,242
Kansas	Merriam Police Department	\$41,250
Kentucky	Northern Kentucky University	\$14,045
Louisiana	City of Denham Springs	\$27,420
Louisiana	City of New Roads	\$18,000
Massachusetts	City of Lawrence	\$112,835
Michigan	City of Farmington Hills	\$30,200
Michigan	City of Inkster	\$97,500
Michigan	City of Midland	\$110,641
Minnesota	City of Lakeville	\$106,500
Minnesota	City of Champlin	\$45,000
Minnesota	City of Fridley Police Department	\$63,000
Mississippi	City of Moss Point	\$52,500
New Jersey	Township of Pemberton	\$75,000
New Jersey	New Jersey State Park Police	\$132,000
New Mexico	City of Espanola	\$90,000
New Mexico	Pueblo of Isleta	\$63,000
New York	Village of Irvington	\$30,000
North Carolina	County of Currituck Sheriff's Office	\$31,162
Ohio	Perkins Township	\$28,129
Oklahoma	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	\$82,500
Oregon	City of Pendleton Police	\$31,000
Pennsylvania	City of Reading	\$187,500
Pennsylvania	City of Allentown	\$150,000
Pennsylvania	Beaver County Sheriff's Office	\$36,750
Pennsylvania	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	\$16,500
Rhode Island	City of Newport	\$15,000
Tennessee	City of Clarksville	\$114,130
Texas	City Balcones Heights	\$32,530
Texas	Newton County Sheriff's Office	\$45,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	Government of the USVI – VI Police Department	\$300,000
Utah	Park City Municipal Corporation	\$48,524
Vermont	Orange County Sheriff's Department	\$39,865
Washington	City of Pasco	\$140,225
West Virginia	West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section	\$60,459
West Virginia	Mingo County Commission	\$27,000
Wisconsin	Village of Germantown	\$48,000

Category III: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Programs for Large Agencies (between 250 and 1,000 sworn officers):

Awardee State or Territory	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	City of Santa Ana	\$99,291
Florida	Collier County Sheriff's Office	\$568,000
Iowa	City of Des Moines	\$87,502
Kansas	City of Wichita – Police Department	\$100,500
Massachusetts	Essex County Sheriff's Department	\$150,000
Minnesota	City of Minneapolis	\$430,500
Mississippi	Jackson Police Department	\$300,000
New York	City of Syracuse	\$299,472

Category IV: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Programs for Extra Large Agencies (more than 1,000 sworn officers):

Awardee State or Territory	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Illinois	City of Chicago	\$639,370
New Jersey	State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety	\$940,278
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Police Department	\$126,313

Law Enforcement Safety and Wellness Research and Evaluation (\$2.1 million)

The National Institute of Justice is providing over \$2 million to three recipients to address safety, health and wellness priorities through research and evaluation. NIJ has played an ongoing role in the development of equipment, standards, technologies and practices to improve officer safety within the criminal justice system. These investments have included the development of ballistic vests, studies of in-vehicle safety and the evaluation of less-lethal technologies to increase police and public safety. Recipients include:

- The National Opinion Research Center is receiving more than \$1.1 million for a long-term study examining police job satisfaction, resilience and stress.
- The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (\$464,621) and Kansas State University (\$496,184) will address officer-related traffic fatalities and injuries through technology and policies.