FY 2024 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Who May Apply: City or township, county, special district, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments; independent school districts; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; public housing/Indian housing authorities; state, county, and local law enforcement agencies; correctional agencies that perform law enforcement functions; university and college law enforcement agencies at publicly funded institutions; publicly funded specialized police forces such as park police, independent school district police, transit police, or fish and game enforcement agencies; prosecutors’ offices; and state or regional consortia that support such agencies, including State Administering Agencies (SAAs)

Why Apply: Receive funding to purchase or lease body-worn cameras (BWCs) to establish, expand, or enhance a comprehensive BWC program; create a demonstration project to improve the management, sharing, and integration of digital evidence generated from BWCs; optimize how prosecutors leverage BWC footage to improve operations; or use BWC footage to enhance officer training or constitutional policing practices.

Maximum per Award: • Up to $2 million per award for law enforcement and state correctional agencies • Up to $1 million per demonstration project award

BJA encourages the following entities to apply: • Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding. • Convening or governing bodies (e.g., SAAs) that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded: • Establish, expand, or enhance a comprehensive BWC program. • Integrate digital data footage from BWCs with other forms of digital evidence. • Improve prosecutors’ capacity to receive, access, process, and use digital evidence from BWCs.
Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit https://bja.ojp.gov/program/bwcipp-lea/overview for more information about the program and https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172141 for full funding information.

Tips for Success:

• Start early! To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.

• For questions about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172141.pdf for information on who to contact.

• Visit BJA Funding Webinars at: bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars and review the “Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations.”

• Subscribe for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at: bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja.

• To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive JUSTINFO at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly Funding News at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

(1) Register in Grants.gov and follow the prompts to submit two forms by July 15, 2024.

(2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by July 24, 2024. The application's major elements are:

(a) The proposal abstract that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).

(b) The proposal narrative that describes your project’s strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.

(c) The web-based budget form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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