

PROGRAMS SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program

Through the BVP Program, government units can apply for funding to purchase bullet-resistant body armor for their sworn law enforcement officers. A jurisdiction's chief executive is required to provide general oversight and approval of key transactions between the BVP Program and the jurisdiction's participating law enforcement agencies. BVP recipients are reimbursed up to 50 percent of the cost of each unit of eligible body armor purchased.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/patrick-leahy-bulletproof-vest-partnership-bvp-program/overview>

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Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)

COSSAP focuses on combating the opioid epidemic and reflects the Attorney General's commitment to reduce the number of fatal overdoses and protect the American people. COSSAP includes effective policy strategies that support our nation's first responders and strengthen their partnerships with agencies that serve crime victims; encourage and support comprehensive cross-system planning and collaboration; and enhance public safety, behavioral health, and public health information-sharing partnerships.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/cossap/overview>

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Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program

BJA's BWC Policy and Implementation Program for law enforcement agencies supports the purchase of BWCs for pilot programs, full implementations, or expansion of existing programs. Grantees must commit to broader program goals, including the development of sound and comprehensive BWC policies, effective management of digital media evidence, tracking the impact of BWC deployment, and training of officers on BWC policy and related legal and regulatory concerns.

Learn More: <https://www.bja.gov/bwc/>

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Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program

BJA's STOP School Violence Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence. It supports efforts by public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit entities to train school personnel and educate students on preventing student violence. Additionally, the program supports efforts to develop and implement threat assessment and/or crisis intervention teams, as well as technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/overview>

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The Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative

The VALOR Initiative is an effort to improve the immediate and long-term safety, wellness, and resilience of our nation's law enforcement officers. It delivers innovative, no-cost training; conducts research; develops and provides resources; and establishes partnerships that benefit law enforcement officers. The VALOR Initiative is continuously evolving to address the various issues, concerns, and trends that law enforcement officers face, and it integrates the latest research and practices to address all aspects of their safety, wellness, and performance.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/valor-initiative-preventing-violence-against-law-enforcement-officers-and-ensuring-officer/overview>

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Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

The PSOB Program provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders. The PSOB Program also provides disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

Learn More: <https://www.psob.gov>

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National Officer Safety Initiatives (NOSI)

NOSI develops innovative programs to increase officer safety based on needs, emerging trends, and concerns brought on by the challenges that law enforcement officers face every day. NOSI helps prepare law enforcement officers to better address not only the emotional and mental aspects of police work but also the tactical aspects of the profession in order to be safer and healthier, and serve their communities and agencies to the best of their abilities.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/national-officer-safety-initiatives/overview>

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Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Program

The SPI Program helps law enforcement agencies identify and define their most pressing crime problems and institute lasting operational and organizational changes. The program funds the testing of promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices and the implementation of evidence-based strategies.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/strategies-policing-innovation-spi/overview>

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National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

SAKI assists law enforcement and prosecutors in addressing the challenges associated with unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) and in reducing the number of unsubmitted SAKs in their jurisdictions. Using a victim-centered approach, jurisdictions supported by SAKI build their capacities to inventory, test, and track SAKs and improve their investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement practices.

Learn More: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/sexual-assault-kit-initiative-saki/overview>

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