



DOJ BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

FY2019 GRANT SOLICITATION

\$18 MILLION

APPLY BY JUNE 5, 2019

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The FY 2019 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCPIP-LEA) promotes the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens by strengthening the means for evidence capture and by contributing to improved justice outcomes. BWC use can have a moderating effect on citizens' behavior; has been shown to reduce use-of-force incidents and citizen complaints; and can help strengthen mutual respect and civility in citizen-police interactions.

BWCPIP-LEA is intended specifically for agencies seeking to establish or expand comprehensive BWC programs with a specified plan to implement this technology in a manner that maximizes the benefits of BWCs. Applicants must describe a deliberate and phased plan to deploy this technology, as well as specific ways it will be used to enhance the applicant agency's mission. Applicants that are seeking only to fund the purchase of BWCs without consideration of the broader program goals will not be considered for funding.

- Up to 28 awards, with an estimated total of **\$18 million**
- Eligible applicants include public agencies of state, local and tribal governments that perform law enforcement or criminal justice functions
- Applications due **June 5, 2019**
- 50% in-kind or cash match
- Project period is 36 months, starting October 1, 2019

FUNDING CATEGORIES

Category 1: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Programs for Small and Mid-Sized Agencies

- 17 or more awards anticipated for a total of \$5,000,000.
- Agencies with 250 or fewer sworn officers.
- Applicants may request no more than \$500,000.

Category 2: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Program for Large Agencies

- 5 or more awards anticipated for a total of \$3,000,000.
- Large police agencies with more than 250 and up to 1,000 sworn officers.
- Applicants may request no more than \$2,000,000.

Category 3: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Program for Extra-Large Agencies

- 3 or more awards anticipated for a total of \$4,000,000.
- Extra-large police agencies with more than 1,000 sworn officers.
- Applicants may request no more than \$1,000,000 under this category.

Category 4: Implementation or Expansion of BWC Programs through State or Regional Consortia

- 3 or more awards anticipated for a total of \$6,000,000.
- State agencies (e.g., state police, State Administering Agencies), regional law enforcement authorities, or major city or county agencies, acting on behalf of a joint partnership or consortia.
- Maximum allowable request of \$3,000,000 and minimum request of \$200,000. Must plan to purchase at least 100 BWCs.
- Applicants seeking to partner with other agencies and that seek fewer than 100 BWCs are encouraged to apply under categories 1 through 3 with one agency acting as the primary applicant and other agencies acting as subrecipients.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Applicants should describe the technology they intend to deploy and illustrate how they will deploy the technology using evidence-based and problem-solving approaches. They should describe how the BWC program would be integrated within the agency's operational framework, enhance the ability of officers to perform their duty, and promote organizational efficiency.

Regardless of the program type and size, proposed BWC programs are expected to include the following elements:

1. **Development of a planned and phased approach** that achieves broad support of criminal justice stakeholders and leverages partnership input to address policy, training, deployment, and procurement of BWCs;
2. **Implementation of operational procedures and tracking mechanisms** that address the use, review, access, storage, retention, redaction, and deletion of digital media evidence (DME);
3. **Demonstration of commitment to incorporating the evidentiary value of BWCs** (DME) into daily administrative and field operations in a manner that promotes improvements in criminal justice outcomes, including improvements in officer and citizen safety;
4. **Establishing training protocols** for officers, supervisors, and administrators on BWC use and policy;
5. **Addressing access to and sharing of BWC footage** by agency personnel, prosecutors, other criminal justice stakeholder, and the community;
6. **Implementation of appropriate BWC policies** that address relevant state law, privacy rights, data retention, and public release of video footage.

ALLOWABLE AND UNALLOWABLE COSTS

- **\$2,000 per BWC Funding Metric:** Applications submitted under all of the categories may request no more than \$2,000 in federal funds for each BWC to be deployed in their proposed BWC program, up to the funding category maximum.
- **Data Storage Costs:** To ensure agencies establish program continuity, the BWCPIP-LEA program does not allow for federal reimbursement of data storage costs. However, BJA recognizes that BWC systems are often bundled or sold as software-as-a-service (SAAS) with no line-item distinction of data storage costs; therefore, procurements with bundled costs (specifically no line-item storage costs) are permissible for reimbursement, and the agency will not be asked to break out the costs. Storage costs may be proposed as matching funds.
- **Reimbursement for Previously Purchased Cameras, Other Equipment, and Contracts:** BJA will only make awards to new and expanding BWC programs. Applications that seek reimbursement for previously purchased components will not be considered for this solicitation except under extenuating circumstances.

BODY WORN CAMERA SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

- **Si Series Body-Worn Cameras:** Our body-worn cameras allow officers to capture and store evidence and communicate instantly in the moments that matter. Using the body-worn cameras, officers can easily record video clips, still images, and witness or suspect interviews and add incident audio notes. Content is seamlessly encrypted, tagged and uploaded via Wi-fi to our CommandCentral Vault digital evidence management software where it is securely stored.

- **CommandCentral Vault:** A cloud-based digital evidence management application that meets CJIS standards. It's designed to reduce administrative overhead, simplify digital storage challenges and maintain agency policies. With advanced content management capabilities, CommandCentral Vault automates and streamlines the handling of body-worn camera video at every step from review and manage to redact and share. Agency workflows become more efficient with automated uploads, tagging, content grouping, and innovative rapid redaction.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted using Standard Form 424 through www.grants.gov and must include: Project Abstract, Program Narrative, [Budget Detail Worksheet](#) and Budget Narrative and, if submitting on behalf of subrecipient agencies, a document affirming Subrecipient Commitment to Program Participation from each subrecipient.

The complete grant solicitation for agencies may be found at: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWC19.pdf>

WE CAN HELP YOU

The grant application process can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at PoliceGrantsHelp.com. Their team of funding experts can help your agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application. Also, additional information and resources can be found on our website: www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants.

Other helpful resources:

- [BWCPIP-LEA Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [BJA BWC Toolkit](#)
- [IACP Resources](#) (search "Body Worn Camera")
- [BWC Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- [National Institute of Justice Research on Body-Worn Cameras and Law Enforcement](#)

