



DOJ BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

FY2021 GRANT SOLICITATION

\$27.5 MILLION

APPLY BY JULY 26, 2021

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The goals of the FY 2021 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCPIP-LEA) are to support the purchase of BWCs by law enforcement agencies and to ensure that they are deployed as part of a comprehensive body-worn camera program that embodies evidence-based and problem-solving approaches. DOJ views BWC programs as an important tool that could be an integrated part of a jurisdiction's holistic problem-solving and community-engagement strategy, helping to increase both trust and communication between the police and the communities they serve.

- Anticipate about 80 awards, with an estimated total of **\$27.5 million**
- Eligible applicants include public agencies of state, local and tribal governments that perform law enforcement or criminal justice functions
- First part of applications due in Grants.gov by **July 12, 2021**, 11:19 p.m. ET; Completed applications due in [JustGrants Justice Grants System](#) by July 26, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET
- 50% in-kind or cash match
- Project period is 36 months, starting October 1, 2021

WHO CAN APPLY

- City or township governments, County governments, Independent school districts, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Special district governments, State governments, and territories, and public agencies.
- All state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the [certification process](#).
- Correctional agencies provided they perform law enforcement functions as part of regular duties that are supported by public funding.
- Applicants may apply on their own behalf or in partnership with one or more agencies that meet the eligibility criteria (only one entity may be the applicant).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

Program objectives are to:

1. **Establish a working relationship with the training and technical assistance provider** to assure that comprehensive and deliberate BWC policies are developed and implemented.
2. **Assure that all BWC policies and practices are consistent with applicable state and local laws.**
3. **Develop a planned and phased approach to implementation** that achieves broad support from prosecutors and other criminal justice stakeholders, and leverages partnership input to address policy, training, deployment, and procurement of BWCs.
4. **Implement operational procedures and tracking mechanisms** that address the use, review, access, storage, retention, redaction, and deletion of digital evidence media (DEM).
5. **Demonstrate commitment to incorporating the evidentiary value of BWCs and DEM** into daily administrative and field operations in a manner that promotes improvements in criminal justice outcomes, including improvements in officer and citizen safety.
6. **Establish training protocols** for officers, supervisors, and administrators on BWC use and policy.
7. **Address access to and sharing of BWC footage** by agency personnel, prosecutors, other criminal justice stakeholders, and the community.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate in their narrative how the project will advance the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, or building trust between law enforcement and the community.

ALLOWABLE COSTS

Funds proposed, both federal and matching, may include expenses reasonably related to BWC program implementation. Besides the purchase or lease of BWCs themselves, allowable expenses include, but are not limited to, personnel to support the program, the cost of developing training on BWC use, and related technology costs such as infrastructure enhancements, redaction costs, and storage costs.

There is a funding cap of \$2,000 per BWC which represents the cap on the federal award and does not mean that applicants should expect to spend \$2,000 on each BWC. This is a cap on the full program implementation, which may include funding for related equipment, officer training, or BWCPIP administrative personnel. Applicants may request less than the \$2,000 per BWC funding cap maximum consistent with project scope and as an illustration of cost efficiencies.

Funding can be used to support pilot BWC programs, establish new BWC implementations, or expand existing programs.

BODY WORN CAMERA SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

- **Body-Worn Cameras:** WatchGuard, part of Motorola Solutions, provides mobile video solutions for law enforcement, supplying in-car video systems and body-worn cameras along with evidence management software to approximately one-third of all law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada.
- **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

Completing an application under this program is a two-step process. Applicants are first required to submit an SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov by **July 12, 2021, 11:59 pm. ET.** Applicants are encouraged submit these forms at least 72 hours prior to the deadline. Once these forms have been submitted via Grants.gov, the second part of the application, including Proposal and Budget Narratives, must be submitted through the [JustGrants Justice Grants System](#) by **July 26, 2021, 11:59 pm ET.**

The information that must be addressed as part of the Proposal Narrative is described on pp. 10-11 of the grant solicitation.

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:

- [BWCIIP-LEA Grant Solicitation](#)
- [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#)
- [BJA BWC Toolkit](#)
- [BWC Training and Technical Assistance](#)

