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FACT SHEET

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS OVER \$54 MILLION TO SUPPORT HEALTH AND SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (\$23.6 million)

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs allocated funds to jurisdictions across 49 states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico under the Bureau of Justice Assistance's **Bulletproof Vest Partnership**, which reimburses states, territories, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities and local jurisdictions for 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 \$522 million in federal funds for the purchase of over 1 million vests (1,395,976 as of February 2020). A list of this year's award recipients is available [here](#).

Law Enforcement Safety and Wellness Programs (\$10.8 million)

BJA is providing nearly \$11 million to support the National Officer Safety and VALOR initiatives. This funding, under the **Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative**, will be awarded to the following organizations:

- The Institute for Intergovernmental Research will receive \$6.2 million for the VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program to provide state, local and tribal law enforcement with training and technical assistance on topics that directly affect officer wellness and safety. The comprehensive program teaches tactics and skills and builds awareness, all of which help officers preemptively identify and deal with deadly encounters in ways that keep community members and themselves safe.
- The Institute for Intergovernmental Research will receive \$2.4 million for the National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program, or SAFLEO, to develop and deliver training that focuses on awareness, recognition and prevention of officer suicide.
- The National Police Foundation will receive \$1.2 million for the National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program to provide law enforcement officers with training and resources on issues related to traffic safety.

- The International Association of Chiefs of Police will receive \$1 million for the National Consortium on Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide to convene a national consortium of experts, organizations and associations to examine the threats and issues surrounding suicide among law enforcement officers, and to provide recommendations and solutions for addressing this critically important issue.

National Officers Safety Initiative (\$300,000)

BJA awarded \$300,000 to the National Sheriffs' Association for the Supporting the Blue Campaign. The funds will be used for a national media campaign about law enforcement and the challenges faced by those who serve, such as factors that cause stress.

Body-Worn Camera Program (\$19.3 million)

BJA awarded nearly \$8 million to 40 law enforcement agencies under its **Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program**. Funding will enable grantees to improve their capacity to gather evidence and protect the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens. Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Alabama	Hueytown Police Department	\$54,723
Alabama	Jefferson County	\$340,000
California	San Bernardino City Unified School District	\$87,350
California	San Luis Obispo County	\$200,000
Colorado	University of Colorado, Denver	\$69,400
Delaware	Executive Office of the Governor	\$630,000
District of Columbia	DC Government - DOC	\$870,000
Florida	City of Miami	\$392,281
Florida	City of Longwood	\$52,391
Louisiana	City of Slidell Police Department	\$89,989
Maryland	Morgan State University	\$139,380
Maryland	Towson University	\$60,000
Mississippi	Panola County	\$26,118
Mississippi	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors	\$39,120
Missouri	Cape Girardeau Police Department	\$111,975
Missouri	City of Belton	\$22,872
Missouri	City of Creve Coeur	\$80,000
Missouri	REJIS Commission	\$269,696
Nebraska	City of Wahoo	\$8,000
Nebraska	Sarpy County	\$84,000
New Jersey	Phillipsburg Police Department	\$20,000
New Jersey	Township of North Bergen, Inc.	\$160,000
New Jersey	Union County	\$102,500
New York	Village of Waterloo	\$8,628
North Carolina	City of Elizabeth City	\$13,826
North Carolina	Wake County	\$200,000
Oregon	City of Springfield	\$120,000
Pennsylvania	Fairview Township	\$24,758
Tennessee	City of Knoxville	\$350,000

State	Awardee	Amount
Texas	Cameron County Sheriff's Department	\$75,000
Texas	City of Dallas	\$499,820
Texas	City of Houston	\$2,000,000
Texas	City of Kingsville Police Department	\$20,655
Texas	City of Mission	\$18,825
Texas	City of Victoria, Texas, Police Department	\$38,000
Virginia	Warren County Sheriff's Office	\$41,810
Washington	City of Everett	\$300,000
Wisconsin	City of Beaver Dam	\$40,106
Wisconsin	County of LaCrosse	\$40,000
Wisconsin	LaCrosse Police Department	\$137,071

Additional funds, nearly \$1.5 million, will provide interactive training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies using body-worn cameras.

State	Awardee	Amount
Virginia	CNA Corporation	\$1,499,013

Under the **Supporting Small and Rural Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program**, BJA will provide funding and program development through the following grant.

State	Awardee	Amount
Maryland	Justice & Security Strategies	\$10,000,000

Additional information about Fiscal Year 2020 grant awards made by the Office of Justice Programs can be found online at the [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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