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# City of Palmetto Agenda Item

**Meeting Date**

6/4/12

**Presenter:** Chief Rick Wells

**Department:** Police Department

**Title:**

**2012-2014 Bullet Proof Vest Grant**

The deadline for submitting this grant application is June 27, 2012

The City is requesting to submit an application for funding of the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) - U. S. Department of Justice (USDOJ). These funds can only be used for vests ordered on or after April 1, 2012, with all requests for payments being submitted no later than August 31, 2013. There are 11 vests due to be replaced during this time frame.

The BVP program still carries the stipulation that the Police Department have a written policy mandating the wearing of National Institute of Justice approved body armor. The Palmetto Police Department has met this stipulation with General Order #115 issued last year (2011) to comply with the requirement.

The grant will provide for 11 vests at \$640.00 each for a total expense of \$7,040.00. This grant is a 50% match grant and \$3,520.00 will be budgeted in small tools and equipment in FY 2014. The budget will be specifically notated for the matching of this award.

The grant application and funding is handled through the DOJ Grant Management System. There is no formal written documentation provided for authorized signature or execution of award documents.

This request is identical to last year's request and submission to Commission. Legal reviewed the announcement and the applicable general order and found everything in order.

**Budgeted Amount:**  **Budget Page No(s):**  **Available Amount:**  **Expenditure Amount:**

**Additional Budgetary Information:**

**Funding Source(s):**  **Sufficient Funds Available:**  Yes  No **Budget Amendment Required:**  Yes  No **Source:**

**City Attorney Reviewed:**  Yes  No  N/A **Advisory Board Recommendation:**  For  Against  N/A **Consistent With:**  Yes  No  N/A

**Potential Motion/Direction Requested:**

**Staff Contact:**

**Attachments:**





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**Bulletproof Vest Partnership**



The **Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)**, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement.

Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$277 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 800,000 vests. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the BVP Program.

**NEW:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 BVP application funding period.

Applications for FY 2012 BVP funds will be accepted beginning Wednesday, May 16, 2012. All applications must be submitted online by 6:00 pm (Eastern Time), Wednesday, June 27 2012.

**Documentation Requirement:** Grantees are required to keep documentation to support the BVP vest application and payment requests for at least a three year period.

Please see the FY 12 [application checklist](#) for further details.

**Notice (updated 12/05/2011):** The BVP user login process was updated 11/22/2011. This update requires all existing users to register for a new BVP account and associate it with an existing agency before agency details can be viewed.

To register, please create a new user login and associate it with your current agency by providing your current account login and password. See the [BVP Account Creation Checklist](#) for an overview of the steps required, and the [BVP User and Agency Registration Guide](#) for more details on this process.

For questions regarding account migration, please do not hesitate to contact the BVP Help Desk at [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov) or 1-877-758-3787. During this transition, the helpdesk is experiencing heavy call volume during peak hours. If you experience issues getting in contact with the helpdesk, please try again during off peak hours (before 10am, 12-1pm, or after 5 pm EST).

**New:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2011 BVP funds are available for use. The FY 2011 award funds may be used for the latest National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which are ordered on or after April 1, 2011. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2011 award funds is August 31, 2013, or until all available 2011 awards funds have been requested.

The complete list of FY 2011 BVP awards can be viewed [here](#).

**[NEW! UPDATED Mandatory Wear FAQs](#)**

**Body Armor Safety Initiative**



**Body Armor Safety Initiative - An Initiative of U.S. Department of Justice.** In response to concerns from the law enforcement community, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced an initiative to address the reliability of body armor used by law enforcement personnel and to examine the future of bullet-resistant technology and testing. As part of this initiative, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has examined Zylon®-based bullet-resistant vests (both new and used) and is reviewing the process by which bullet-resistant vests are certified.

**Body Armor Labels: When In Doubt .... Check It Out** ([Click here for additional information](#))

**NEW 3-7-2012: NIJ Body Armor Statement**

- [Custom Armor Technologies QVA-3A-1](#)

**Previous National Institute of Justice Body Armor Alerts**

**12-9-2011: NIJ Body Armor Advisory Notices**

- [Paraclete Model TRP3A](#)
- [Mine Safety Appliances \(MSA\) Model TRP3A](#)

**04/07/2011:**

- [Galls model AIIAF \(Apr. 1, 2011\)](#)
- [Galls model CIIAF \(Apr. 1, 2011\)](#)
- [PACA model AIIF \(Apr. 1, 2011\)](#)
- [Galls model AIIF \(Apr. 1, 2011\)](#)
- [Galls model AIIF \(Apr. 1, 2011\)](#)
- [PACA model CIIAF \(Apr. 1, 2011\)](#)

**12/22/2010:**

- [Pacific Safety Products, Inc. Model 06UG2A8H](#)
- [GH Armor Systems Model 06UG2A8H](#)

**5/28/2008:**

- [Model TBL II S6XF](#)
- [Model MF34F-06](#)
- [Model NFORCE II S6XF-06](#)

**8/25/2008: [New National Institute of Justice Body Armor Standard 0101.06](#)**

**2/20/2008: [Bullet-Resistant Body Armor Models Removed from NIJ Body Armor List](#)**

**[National Institute of Justice Body Armor Safety Initiative Website](#)**

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Following two years of declining law enforcement officer line-of-duty deaths, the country realized a dramatic 37 percent increase in officer deaths in 2010. Fifty-nine of the 160 officers killed in 2010 were shot during violent encounters; a 20 percent increase over 2009 numbers. The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to improving officer safety and has undertaken research to review and analyze violent encounters and law enforcement officer deaths and injuries. Due to the increase in the number of law enforcement officer deaths, coupled with our renewed efforts to improve officer safety, beginning with FY 2011, in order to receive BVP funds, jurisdictions must certify, during the application process, that all law enforcement agencies benefitting from the BVP Program have a written "mandatory wear" policy in effect. This policy must be in place for at least all uniformed officers before any FY 2011 funding can be used by the agency. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy other than it being a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers while on duty. BJA strongly encourages agencies to consult the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Model Policy on Body Armor and to strongly consider all recommendations within that policy. This policy change was announced in October 2010 by Attorney General Holder after consulting with and receiving input from the law enforcement community.

The IACP has very generously provided both its Body Armor Model Policy and position paper to the BVP program. In order to obtain a copy of the Model Policy and position paper, jurisdictions must be registered with the BVP program. To obtain a copy of the Model Policy, contact the BVP Customer Support Center at 1-877-758-3787 or email [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov).

For additional information regarding this new BVP program requirement, click [here](#).

**BVP 50% Match Waiver:** Jurisdictions with 2009 and 2010 BVP award funds may request a financial hardship waiver during the payment request process and receive up to 100% of the cost of each vest submitted for reimbursement. Previously, a jurisdiction was only able to request up to 50% the cost of a vest with their available BVP funds. Jurisdictions requesting a waiver of the 50% match requirement may not use BVP funds toward the purchase of any vest with a total unit cost greater than \$1,200; excluding taxes, shipping and handling fees (if any) to maximize funding for all eligible jurisdictions. All standard BVP vest requirements apply to the eligible vest types.

Additionally, jurisdictions requesting a waiver have to meet criteria of financial or natural disaster hardship. The jurisdictions have to cite the source of their financial hardship during the waiver request process. Jurisdictions will be expected to keep documentation substantiating the financial hardship for four years and realize the waiver requests are open to Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of the Inspector General audits.

Finally, all applicant jurisdictions, requesting a waiver of the 50% match, are required to certify that the jurisdiction's Chief Executive Officer formally accepts the request for the waiver and confirms the waiver justification provided. The certification must list the highest elected official from the requesting jurisdiction in order to be approved.

**Notice - Check Prior Year BVP Funds:** Prior to completing an application for FY 2011 BVP funds, it is strongly recommended that prior year participants log into the BVP system and check for prior year BVP fund balances and the "de-obligation date"/use expiration

date for each year's funds. In some instances the use of prior year funds had been extended. All "Requests for Payments" must be submitted to the BVP system on or before the "de-obligation date" or the funds will be considered expired and will no longer be available.

The complete list of FY 2010 BVP awards can be viewed [here](#).

Historical BVP award information for FY 1999 through the FY 2009 can be accessed [here](#)

For immediate assistance, please call us toll-free at 1-877-758-3787. You may also reach us by email at [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov)