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October 25, 2023

BPC #23-203

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: 2023 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 24, 2023, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Munoz".

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

23-203
Richard M. Tefank
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
10/18/23
DATE

October 4, 2023

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD
ACCEPTANCE FOR THE 2023 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP
GRANT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application and award, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police to retroactively apply for and ACCEPT the grant award of \$32,271.05 for the 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, United States Department of Justice, for the period of April 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025;
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$32,271.05 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of BVP Grant funds;
 - C. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit the grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - D. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to spend up to the total grant amount of \$32,271.05 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - E. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare the Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

DISCUSSION

The LAPD has been a recipient of the BVP Grant for over 15 years. Because of grant funding, LAPD has been able to purchase National Institute of Justice compliant armored vests for police officers. The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, will reimburse the Department fifty percent of the cost of each vest purchased up to a total amount of \$32,271.05. The grant will provide funding for approximately 82 new or replacement vests. The Department has participated in the BVP Program for over 15 years with total funding over \$3.5 million.

If you have any questions, please contact Senior Management Analyst II Stella Larracas, Grants Section, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachments

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Approved
Secretary**

*October 24, 2023
Rebecca Munoz*

BJA Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) – FY 2023 Award Announcement

Bureau of Justice Assistance <BJA@public.govdelivery.com>

Fri 9/29/2023 2:16 PM

To: STELLA LARRACAS <n3371@lapd.online>

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Dear BVP applicant,

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to inform you that your jurisdiction will receive an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. These funds have been posted to your account in the [BVP System](#). A complete list of FY 2023 BVP awards is now available at the following link: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy23-bvp-awards.pdf>.

Important: Jurisdictions must be registered and include updated banking information in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>) to receive reimbursement. For more information about renewing and updating your existing SAM registration, or registering in SAM as a new entity, please visit: <https://sam.gov/content/help>. The SAM Helpdesk can be reached at 866-606-8220.

The FY 2023 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which were ordered after April 1, 2023. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2023 award is August 31, 2025, or until all available funds have been requested. Awards will not be extended past that date, and any unused funds will be forfeited.

As a reminder, body armor vests purchased with BVP funds must have been tested through the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) [Compliance Testing Program](#) and found to comply with the most current NIJ body armor standards, appear on the [NIJ Compliant Products List](#) as of the date the body armor was ordered, be uniquely fitted, and be made in the United States. In addition, applicants must have a written mandatory wear policy for uniformed patrol officers in place at the time of application.

In addition, the federal portion of the costs for body armor vests purchased under the BVP Program may not exceed 50 percent. However, jurisdictions may request a financial or natural disaster hardship waiver during the payment request process and receive up to 100 percent of the cost of each body armor vest submitted for reimbursement. Additional information regarding match waivers can be found in the [BVP FAQs](#), and detailed instructions on the process for requesting a waiver and the documentation required can be found in the [Submitting Payment Requests in BVP User Guide](#).

Please contact the BVP Helpdesk at 1-877-758-3787 or email vests@usdoj.gov if you have any questions regarding the above information. Please also visit the [BVP website](#) for additional information regarding the BVP Program.

In addition, please visit BJA's Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative website to obtain other information regarding officer safety: [VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Initiative | Overview | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#). The VALOR Initiative is a comprehensive set of programs that deliver no-cost officer safety, wellness, resilience training, resources, and technical assistance to law enforcement throughout the country. VALOR brings together the latest research and practices to address current and emerging officer safety and wellness issues/threats. Please see the VALOR Initiative Overview-Booklet for a detailed synopsis of this important initiative: [BJA VALOR INITIATIVE \(ojp.gov\)](#).



Sincerely, BVP Program Support Team

Bureau of Justice Assistance

 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program

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CA	INDIO CITY	\$11,882.00
CA	INGLEWOOD CITY	\$2,732.40
CA	IRWINDALE CITY	\$4,800.76
CA	JACKSON CITY	\$1,448.00
CA	KERMAN CITY	\$4,032.00
CA	KERN COUNTY	\$19,181.42
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CA	LA HABRA CITY	\$4,350.00
CA	LA MESA CITY	\$5,500.00
CA	LAGUNA BEACH CITY	\$7,396.35
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CA	MONTCLAIR CITY	\$5,695.82
CA	MONTEREY CITY	\$5,494.61
CA	MONTEREY PARK CITY	\$2,941.48
CA	MORGAN HILL CITY	\$10,539.21
CA	MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY	\$9,074.28
CA	MURRIETA CITY	\$1,095.64
CA	NAPA CITY	\$16,992.86
CA	NEVADA COUNTY	\$927.67
CA	NEWARK CITY	\$6,007.13
CA	NEWMAN CITY	\$3,243.52

REVIEW APPLICATION



Application Profile



Application



NJ Approved ✓

Submit Application

Below is the current status of your application and your LEA's application. You can approve, disapprove or reopen an LEA application, as well as view its details from the 'Application Status' column.

APPLICATION PROFILE

Participant	LOS ANGELES CITY
Fiscal Year	2023
Number of Agencies Applied	1
Total Number of Officers for Application	9228
Number of Officers on Approved Applications	9228

REVIEW BVP APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Applicant	Quantity	Total Cost	Date Submitted	Application Status
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT	800	\$679,933.43	06/23/23	Approved by Jurisdiction View/Update Details
Totals from LEA's:	800	\$679,933.43		

PROCEED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

CEO CERTIFICATION



Application Profile



Application



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Submit Application

CERTIFICATION

General Certification

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs**

**Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant
Certifications and Assurances
by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government**

On behalf of the applicant, and in support of this application for an award under the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant program, I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (Department), that all of the following are true and correct:

a. I have the authority, as chief executive of the applicant to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award to the applicant based on its application.

b. The applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs.

c. I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application, the applicant will-

- i. comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;
- ii. require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and
- iii. maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

d. The applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition-

- i. the applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
- ii. the applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 815(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (42 U.S.C. § 13925(b)(13)) also may apply; and
- iii. on behalf of the applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

e. The applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), and 46 (human subjects protection).

f. I assure that the applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application. The applicant agrees that documentation to support the BVP application and payment requests will be kept for at least a three year period.

g. I certify that submission of this application for funding under the BVP Grant Act constitutes the legally binding acceptance by the applicant of the terms and conditions set forth in the application, and of the BVP program's statutory, regulatory, and programmatic requirements, restrictions, and conditions.

h. The applicant understands that, in the case of any equipment or products that may be purchased under an award under the BVP Grant Act, it is the sense of the Congress that BVP recipients receiving the assistance should, in expending the award funds, purchase only American-made equipment and products.

i. No funding received under any other Federal grant program will be used to pay or defer the cost, in whole or in part, of the matching requirement of 31 USC § 10531(1), except as provided in 31 USC § 10531(2) regarding funds appropriated for the activities of any agency of an Indian Tribal government or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

j. The applicant EITHER:

i. did NOT (or will NOT) apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local award for the same fiscal year as that of this application; OR

ii. HAS applied for (or WILL apply for) a JAG Local award for the same fiscal year as that of this application and has considered but did NOT (and does NOT) expect to use those JAG Local award funds for any part of the cost of purchasing armor vests (including either the federal or the match portion).

☒ I acknowledge and accept the General Certification

CERTIFICATION

Funding Limits Certification

- a. I acknowledge that all funding awards will be subject to the availability of funds and I acknowledge that there is no guaranteed level of funding associated with the submission of this application to the BVP program.
- b. The applicant will meet its financial and contractual obligations associated with any purchase transactions, regardless of the amount of funding received under this application.

☒ **I acknowledge and accept the Funding Limits Certification**

CERTIFICATION

Mandatory Wear Policy Certification

- a. The applicant has a written, mandatory-wear policy that establishes general requirements for law enforcement and corrections officers, assigned to uniformed functions, to wear (subject to appropriate exceptions as determined by the applicant) bullet-resistant vests and that this policy is in effect on the date this application is submitted.
- b. I assure that the foregoing written mandatory-wear policy will remain in effect during the service life of any and all vests purchased with federal funds under this award.
- c. To the best of my knowledge and belief, after diligent inquiry and review, this applicant is, at the time this application is submitted, in compliance with the foregoing mandatory-wear policy.
- d. I assure that the applicant will remain in compliance with the foregoing mandatory-wear policy throughout the service life of any and all vests purchased with federal funds under this award.

☒ **I acknowledge and accept the Mandatory Wear Policy Certification**

CERTIFICATION

Unique Vest Fit Certification

a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, after diligent inquiry and review, I certify that, at the time this application is submitted-

- i. The criteria and protocols, made available by the BVP program, for providing "uniquely fitted" ballistic or stab-resistant vests to officers have been reviewed.
- ii. All of the applicant's law enforcement and corrections officers have been provided with access to the ASTM International "Standard Practice for Body Armor Wearer Measurement and Fitting of Armor"-ASTM Standard E3003-and the Justice Information Technology Center's "Personal Armor Fit Assessment".
- iii. All of the applicant's law enforcement and corrections officers have been notified that, upon their request, they will be provided with the opportunity to receive a protective vest that is uniquely fitted to them.

Note: In the BVP Program, "uniquely fitted vests" means protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor vests that conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of 1) correctly-sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement, and 2) properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features. The requirement that body armor be "uniquely fitted" does not necessarily require body armor that is individually manufactured based on the measurements of an individual wearer.

☒ I acknowledge and accept the Unique Vest Fit Certification

CERTIFICATION

Signature Acknowledgement Certification

I understand and acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the

applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that payments under OJP programs such as the BVP program, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by OJP and by the Department's Office of the Inspector General.

☒ I acknowledge and accept the **Signature Acknowledgement Certification**

SIGNATURE

As the chief executive officer (or designee), authorized to submit this application, I hereby enter my full name in the space provided below:

Stella Larracas

SUBMIT

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