

DOJ Body-worn Camera policy and implementation program

FY2024 Grant Solicitation

\$29 Million

Apply by: July 15, 2024



Grant highlights

The purpose of the FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCIPI-LEA) is to fund the purchase of body-worn cameras (BWCs) that are implemented as part of comprehensive BWC programs implemented in publicly funded law enforcement agencies (LEAs) or correctional agencies that perform law enforcement functions. In addition, the BWCIPI-LEA Program supports the refinement of existing BWC implementation operating in publicly funded operation through demonstration programs in which BWC implementation practice and operation have exhibited a demonstrable improvement in agency operations and that have a high likelihood of being replicated in other locations.

- Anticipate about 52 awards, with an estimated total of \$29 million
- Category 1: 40 awards of up to \$2 million for site-based awards to Law Enforcement Agencies (including self-initiated partnership application)
- Category 2: 3 awards of up to \$2 million for site-based awards to State Correctional Agencies
- Category 3: 3 awards of up to \$1 million for Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Projects
- Category 4: 3 awards of up to \$1 million for Optimizing Body-worn Camera (BWC) Footage in Prosecutors' Offices Demonstration Projects
- Category 5: 3 awards of up to \$1 million for Using BWC Footage for Training and Constitutional Policing Demonstration Projects
- First part of applications due in Grants.gov by July 15, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET; Completed applications due in JustGrants Justice Grants System by July 24, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET.
- 50% in-kind or cash match required for Categories 1 and 2
- Period of performance is 36 months, starting October 1, 2024

Who can apply

- Eligible agencies include law enforcement agencies, correctional agencies that perform law enforcement functions, prosecutors' offices, and state or regional consortia that support such agencies, including state administering agencies (SAAs). Eligibility is restricted to agencies that are publicly funded. State and regional consortia are eligible to apply, provided they are considered a public agency. Private law enforcement agencies and private correctional agencies are not eligible for funding. Applicants may apply on their own behalf or in partnership with one or more agencies that meet the eligibility criteria.
- Category 1 applicants must be publicly funded law enforcement agencies that operate under governmental authorities or special jurisdiction. Eligible agencies include state, local, tribal, public university or college, park, and transportation authority police. Prosecutors' offices operating at a municipal, county, or state level are eligible to apply.
- Category 2 applicants must be publicly funded state or territory correctional agencies, provided they perform law enforcement functions as part of regular duties that are supported by public funding.
- Category 3 applicants must meet the same provisions described for Category 1.
- Category 4 applicants must be publicly funded prosecutors' offices operating at a municipal, county, or state level.
- Category 5 applicants must meet the same provisions described for Category 1.

Program goals and objectives

The goals for Categories 1 and 2 are to support the purchase or lease of BWCs by law enforcement agencies or correctional agencies, as well as to ensure that they are deployed as part of a comprehensive body-worn camera program that embodies evidence-based and problem-solving approaches. To achieve this comprehensive program, agencies should allow broad stakeholder input into its development, develop plans to integrate BWC technology within the agency's operational framework, enhance mutual trust between officers and the community, and promote organizational efficiency.

The goals for Categories 3, 4, and 5 are to promote the documentation, development, and sharing of best practices by law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices that have already deployed BWC programs. Successful applicants will be able to assess, document, and share promising practices and lessons learned, all in a manner that allows replication by other interested agencies.

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 implemented (Categories 1 & 2).
2. Purchase or lease and deploy BWCs in a planned and deliberate manner (Categories 1 & 2).
3. Establish training protocols for officers, supervisors, and administrators on BWC use and policy (Categories 1 & 2).
4. Ensure all BWC program policies and practices are consistent with applicable state and local laws.
5. Develop a planned and phased approach to implementation that achieves broad support.
6. Address access to and sharing of BWC footage.
7. Demonstrate a commitment to incorporating the evidentiary value of BWCs and digital evidence into daily administrative and field operations.

Priority consideration will be given to proposals that address the following items:

1. Participation in the collection and reporting to DOJ of data on law enforcement use of force and deaths in custody.
2. Participation in the collection and reporting to DOJ of data on officer suicides and officers killed and assaulted.
3. Restrictions on unannounced entries and neck/carotid restraints.
4. Restrictions on the possession and use of militarized equipment.

Allowable costs

There is a funding cap of \$2,000 per BWC under Categories 1 and 2 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, digital data

storage/management, 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.

The purchase of BWCs and related equipment are allowable under Categories 3, 4 and 5 if instrumental to the broader program goals, but these categories are not intended primarily for the purchase of such equipment. Purchase or lease of additional BWC equipment under these categories should be no more than 25 percent of the federal budget amount.

Body worn camera solution available from Motorola Solutions

- **Body-Worn Cameras:** Motorola Solutions flexible body-worn camera solutions are designed for law enforcement to withstand rough conditions, last long shifts and capture vital evidence.
- **CommandCentral Evidence:** CommandCentral Evidence includes all the tools you need to collect evidence from citizens, capture media on scene, and centralize digital evidence storage. With cloud, hybrid and on-premises deployments available, knock down the data silos in your operations with the ability to manage, view and securely share the entire case from a single location.

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](https://www.grants.gov) by July 15, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET. Applicants are encouraged to submit these forms at least 72 hours prior to the deadline. Once these forms have been submitted via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), the second part of the application, including Proposal and Budget Narratives, must be submitted through the [JustGrants Justice Grants System](https://www.justgrants.gov) by July 24, 2024, 8:59 p.m. ET.

The information that must be addressed as part of the Proposal Narrative is described on pp. 23-26 of the [BWCPIP-LEA 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](https://www.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.



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