

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff

BY: Sheriff Richards

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Request that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrative Officer to apply for and execute a grant application for Fifty (50) per cent matching funds of the total cost of Bullet Proof Vests. The County will pay for the Vest and then be reimbursed by the program. At the present time the Vest used by the Sheriff's Department are dated and in need of replacement. We have ordered new vest and wish to recover part of the purchase price of these Vest by taking part in this new program which has been offered by U.S. Department of Justice under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership.

The Cost for a Bulletproof Vest with tax is 431 dollars. The grant will pay for Fifty (50) percent of the total cost.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The board has approved similar request in the past.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Do not obtain Federal Funding for Vest purchase.

COSTS: () Not Applicable	
A. Budgeted current FY	\$ 9000
B. Total anticipated costs	\$ 9000
C. Required additional funding	\$ 0
D. Internal transfers	\$

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

Information on the funding

application process.
3 pages

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required	
A. Unanticipated revenues	\$
B. Reserve for contingencies	\$
C. Source description:	
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$	

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: <u>99-174</u>	Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: _____	Noes: _____
Absent: _____	Abstained: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Minute Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Necessary	

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- For Policy Determination
- Submitted with Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: [Signature]

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy



What is the Funding Application Process?

Choose a topic from the list.

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In our city we have a city administrator. Is he/she the one that files the application or is it my job as chief of police?

Generally, the City Administrator/designee registers for the jurisdiction; you register for your agency. You then complete your portion of the application and forward it to the Chief Executive for approval and submission.

What is the typical time delay between registration, application approval and matching funds transfer?

Approximately fifteen working days may be required for complete registration validation, although jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies will have immediate access to certain program components during this validation process. Approximately fifteen working days may be required for jurisdiction application review and approval. Approximately ten working days may be required for the electronic transfer of funds from the U.S. Treasury to the jurisdiction's bank account.

Will the on-line purchasing work in conjunction with our city's policy of going to the lowest bidder?

Agencies do not order vests on-line. The on-line application contains information about each agency's intent to order certain types and styles of vests. The actual purchase is handled through the agency's procurement process. Purchasing from the lowest bidder and other requirements which may comprise agency procurement policy must be followed, documented, and maintained on file for future audit purposes.

What is the deadline for applying?

This program has no deadlines, per se. Legislatively, this is a three year program. Applications received on or before September 30, 1999 will be considered first year applications. Applications received between October 1st and September 30, 2000 will be considered second year applications, et cetera.

What is the deadline for requesting the federal match of approved applications?

Jurisdictions with approved applications must request the federal match no later than September 30th of the fourth federal fiscal year following the end of the federal fiscal year in which their application was approved. In other words, the jurisdiction has four years beyond the year of their application to request payments for vests contained in that application. Payments of the federal match will be made whenever the jurisdiction indicates that at least part of the approved vest order was received and invoiced.

What is "Total Cost?"

The program is designed to pay 50% of the total cost of each vest order. Total cost includes the cost of the vests, shipping, handling, fitting charges, and state and local taxes (if applicable). Essentially, the total invoiced price, after all vendor and prompt payment discounts have been deducted, is what BJA will use to determine the match payments. Information about the invoiced purchase price and related costs will be reported to BJA when payment is requested through the Bulletproof Vest Program.

Our fiscal year began July, 1998. We have purchased some vests since that date. Can we seek reimbursement for those vests already purchased?

The program is structured to allow funding for those vests purchased on or after March 1, 1999. If this date changes, it will be posted here and in other sections of this webpage.

How are awards distributed?

The Act provides for BJA to award funds directly to States (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands), units of local government, and Indian tribes. At least half of the funds will be provided to units of local government with less

than 100,000 residents. The funds will be electronically sent from the U.S. Treasury to the jurisdiction's bank whenever agencies are invoiced by vest distributors.

What sources of funds can we use to provide the 50% match?

The program requires that each applicant jurisdiction be responsible for providing at least 50% of the cost of each vest purchased. Tribal governments may use federal funds provided for criminal justice use to provide this match; all other jurisdictions must use non-federal funds for their match. However, jurisdictions and agencies are encouraged to be creative in the pursuit of matching funds, particularly smaller cities and towns without adequate resources. Non-federal sources of matching funds includes state and/or local jurisdiction revenues, private funds, and programs offered through insurance or workman's compensation consortiums. Asset forfeiture funds, if available, may also be used to meet the jurisdiction's matching requirement. A new section will be added to this site, listing all known state or local match sources.

What type of documentation or proof will you require in terms of the number of vests we want to purchase for our officers?

Generally, each jurisdiction/agency is permitted to apply for funds to purchase one vest per eligible officer per federal fiscal year. It is up to the agency to determine to whom and under what circumstances vests are purchased and issued. The only limitation per year is that the total agency purchase cannot exceed the total personnel strength of the agency, as measured by the number of filled officer positions, not just authorized or budgeted positions.

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For a Law Enforcement Agency

We are a state agency. Do we have to connect our application with that of any other state agency applying (like State Patrol), or can we apply for ourselves?

Each participating state law enforcement agency registers and then completes its portion of the state's application. All agency applications "roll-up" into one master state application, which is approved and electronically transmitted by the state's contact person to the Bulletproof Vest Program.

Does the law enforcement agency need to fill out an application? Is this done entirely over the Internet?

Participating law enforcement agencies register and apply on-line. The agency contact establishes a unique password and user identification to protect the agency's transactions throughout this process. Agency applications become part of the total jurisdiction application, which is reviewed, approved and transmitted by the chief executive to the Bulletproof Vest Program for review and approval.

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For a Jurisdiction

How do we as a jurisdiction apply?

In simple terms, the jurisdiction's chief executive registers, applies for funding based upon the total vest needs of the participating law enforcement agencies, and requests 50% of the needed funds to pay for the vests once they have been ordered and received. Step by step detailed instructions will be provided when the web site is fully operational.

How many times can a jurisdiction apply?

Jurisdictions are permitted to apply only once* per federal fiscal year. The federal fiscal year runs from 12:01 a.m., October 1st to 12:00 midnight, September 30th. Jurisdictions may apply for additional vests during subsequent federal fiscal years, even though prior fiscal year vest applications or payments are still pending. *During the first year of the program (federal fiscal year 1999), jurisdictions may submit a second application dealing exclusively with stab-resistant vests, if the stab-resistant standard has been adopted by NIJ and successfully met by vest manufacturers.

What do you mean by "jurisdiction"? Who is my jurisdiction Chief Executive?

The program is designed to deal with units of general government recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau. This includes towns, cities, villages, boroughs, parishes, counties, states, or Indian tribes. The Chief Executive is the highest ranking elected or appointed official of the jurisdiction (e.g. city mayor, city, town or village manager, state governor, county executive, chairman of the governing board, chairman of the county commissioners,

Tribal chief or Tribal Governor). In some localities, the highest ranking law enforcement officer may also be considered the jurisdiction's Chief Executive (e.g. the State of Louisiana).

We have a routine replacement schedule and yearly budget appropriation for vest purchases. Are we still eligible for funding, or does this create a "supplanting" issue?

Jurisdictions can participate in this program, regardless of how vest funds are currently budgeted.

Will our jurisdiction be subject to audits or inspections if we purchase vests through this program?

BVP payments and transactions are subject to audits by the General Accounting Office, Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General, state/local, and independent public accounting firm auditors. Jurisdictions must follow their local procurement policies and procedures including maintenance of reliable and accurate accounting systems, record keeping, and systems of internal control. Recipients of federal funds are expected to retain documentation supporting all BVP transactions for at least three years after the closure of audit reports related to such funding. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving records has been started before the expiration of the three year period, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all related issues, or until the end of the regular three year period, whichever is later.

What responsibilities will the chief executive have in the control and disbursement of federally-provided matching funds?

Only jurisdiction chief executives may request payment on behalf of the participating law enforcement agencies. Payments may be requested only after vests have been delivered, accepted, and invoiced. Chief executives are responsible for ensuring that no law enforcement agency within their jurisdiction requests or receives payments in excess of 50% of the agency's vest order.

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For a Vest Manufacturer/Distributor

Manufacturers and distributors offer incentives for law enforcement agencies to purchase vests, such as additional outer garments, trauma packs, or discounts on future purchases. Will these types of promotional offerings be allowed under this program?

BJA has no intention of interfering with, and will not interfere with legitimate, free market practices and processes which occur between vest vendors and law enforcement consumers. BJA does not anticipate any oversight, review, or approval of discounts or incentives resulting from negotiations for vest purchases. However, the terms and conditions of the procurement must comply with the jurisdiction's procurement laws and regulations. Further, BJA will not endorse any manufacturer over another nor will it provide information to jurisdictions about financial transactions, incentives, or promotions.

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