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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) 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) solicitation. These funds have been posted to your account in the [BVP System](https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview). A complete list of FY 2022 BVP awards is available at: <https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview>.

**Important: Jurisdictions must be registered in the SAM system (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>) in order to be paid for any 2022 BVP funds.** Please ensure the banking information in SAM is up to date. 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/status-tracker>. The SAM Helpdesk can be reached at 866-606-8220.

The FY 2022 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which were ordered after April 1, 2022. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2022 award is August 31, 2024, or until all available funds have been requested. Awards will not be extended past that date, and any unused funds will be forfeited.

Please see the following website for a list of NIJ compliant vests: <https://citec.org/compliance-testing-program/compliant-product-lists/>. As a reminder, all jurisdictions that applied for FY 2022 BVP funding certified that a mandatory wear policy was in place for their jurisdiction. BJA will be conducting reviews of the mandatory wear policies as funds are requested from the BVP System. For more information on the BVP mandatory wear policy, please see the BVP Frequently Asked Questions document: [https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/FAQsBVP MandatoryWearPolicy\\_0.pdf](https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/FAQsBVP MandatoryWearPolicy_0.pdf).

Finally, please visit the following page for checklists and guides for each step of the BVP process: <https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/program-resources>.

For questions regarding the BVP Program or your award, please do not hesitate to contact the BVP Help Desk at [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov) or 1-877-758-3787.

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 \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/program-resources). 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 \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/BJA/VALOR).

Thank you BVP Program Support Team

Bureau of Justice Assistance

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