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Dear BVP Applicant:

This year, the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program experienced a high demand in the number and dollar value of applications submitted for funding. Because of the statutory requirement to provide priority funding to jurisdictions with less than 100,000 residents, all of the available FY 2024 funding was committed to smaller jurisdictions. Since all FY 2024 BVP funds are being awarded to smaller jurisdictions based on the statutory requirement, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will not be able to provide funding to support the purchase of National Institute of Justice approved vests to your jurisdiction whose population exceeds 100,000.

BJA has a long and distinguished history of supporting the diverse and challenging missions of state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies. Since BVP began in 1999, BJA has provided \$622 million to support the purchase of over 1.5 million vests nationwide. With continuing congressional support, BJA anticipates additional funding opportunities for vest purchases in the coming years and will keep you posted on these opportunities and others.

Please visit our website for the latest funding opportunities at [BVP Partnership](#) and thank you for your participation in this important 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. 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 and threats. Please see the [VALOR Initiative Overview](#) booklet for additional details about this initiative.

Sincerely,

BVP Program Team
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<https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership>