FEDERAL FUNDING

1. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

This is a general funding Grant to be used for qualifying expenditures. Municipalities have applied for this Grant to fund WMC deployment using the same criteria and under the same guidelines as Body Cameras. The gathered data for FY 2019 is expected in approximately May 2019.

Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) A unit of local government that proposes to use JAG award funds to purchase BWC equipment, or to implement or enhance BWC programs, must provide OJP with a certification(s) that each unit of local government law enforcement agency receiving the equipment or implementing the program has policies and procedures in place related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training. Certification form related to BWC policies and procedures. A unit of local government that proposes to use JAG funds for BWC-related expenses will have funds withheld until the required certification is submitted and approved by OJP. If the unit of local government proposes to change project activities to utilize JAG funds for BWC-related expenses after the award is accepted, the unit of local government must submit the signed certification to OJP at that time. Further, before making any subaward for BWC-related expenses, the unit of local government JAG recipient must collect a completed BWC certification from the proposed subrecipient. Any such certifications must be maintained by the unit of local government JAG recipient, and made available to OJP upon request. The BJA BWC Toolkit provides model BWC policies and best practices to assist departments in implementing BWC programs. Apart from the JAG Program, BJA provides funds under the Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program (BWC Program). The BWC Program allows jurisdictions to develop and implement policies and practices required for effective program adoption and address program factors, including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations. Interested units of local government may wish to refer to the BWC web page for more information. Units of local government should note, however, that JAG funds may not be used as any part of the 50 percent match required by the BWC Program.

Key to this Grant application is a Certification Form for Camera implementation to be accompanied by implementation or updating of a policy and practices at minimum must reinforce appropriate agency Use of Force policies and training and address technology usage, evidence acquisition, data storage and retention, as well as privacy issues, accountability and discipline.

2. DOJ Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

This is a U.S. Justice Department Grant to be used specifically for Body Camera policy and implementation. Grants are awarded for 50% of the cost and require matching funding from the municipality. Unlike previous solicitations, the 2019 FY application does not require a minimum number of officers. The solicitation was announced in April 2019 with the application deadline of June 5, 2019.

No limitations on the specifications or definition of a BWC device are provided in the solicitation and the objectives for consideration under the program broadly address Digital Media Evidence. Accordingly, Viridian understands that nothing in the Grant announcement and solicitation prohibits municipalities from application of the BWCPPIP Grant to Weapon-Mounted Cameras as the form of Digital Media Evidence.

BJA’s Body-Worn Camera (BWCPPIP) Policy and Implementation Program is targeted to law enforcement agencies seeking to pilot, establish, or enhance BWCPPIP policy and implementation programs. It addresses how to develop and implement policies and practices for effective program adoption, including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations. While BWC equipment may be purchased under the program, award recipients must first demonstrate a commitment and adherence to a strong BWCPPIP policy framework, including the requisite training.
The BWCP Program allows jurisdictions to develop and implement policies and practices required for effective program adoption and address program factors, including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations. Interested units of local government may wish to refer to the BWCP Program web page for more information. Units of local government should note, however, that JAG funds may not be used as any part of the 50 percent match required by the BWCP Program.

Regardless of their type and size, proposed BWCP programs are expected to fulfill the following objectives:
- Development of a planned and phased approach that achieves broad support of stakeholders, including local political leadership, prosecutors, and relevant community groups, which thereafter seeks to leverage stakeholder input to support and inform policy, deployment, training, and procurement of BWCs;
- Implementation of operational procedures and tracking mechanisms that address digital media evidence (DME) use, including review, access, storage, retention, redaction, and retention of BWC video;
- Demonstration of commitment to incorporating the evidentiary value of BWCs (DME) into daily administrative and field operations in a manner that promotes improvements in criminal justice outcomes, including improvements in officer and citizen safety;
- Training of officers, administrators, and associated agencies on BWC use, policy, and any applicable laws and regulations regarding access to and sharing of DME; and
- Implementation of appropriate BWC policies that address relevant state law, operational requirements, privacy matters, and release of video to the public.

It is understood that the scope of effort and resources committed to implementing a BWC program will vary based on attributes of the applying agency, most notably its size. BJA understands that the scope of effort may also vary depending on the type of program proposed (e.g., a pilot, full implementation, or expansion of existing program) and the number of cameras proposed to be deployed.

Objectives and Deliverables
Applicants should describe the technology they intend to deploy, and they should also illustrate how they will deploy the technology using evidence-based and problem-solving approaches. They should describe how the BWC program would be integrated within the agency's operational framework, enhance the ability of officers to perform their duty, and promote organizational efficiency.

Full details on the 2019 FY BWCP Grant
STATE FUNDING

*Information current as of 12/1/18. Please contact your Viridian Representative for updated information. This list is for informational purposes only and is not presented as a exhaustive list as all funding available. Agencies should do their own research for grant funding options.

ALABAMA
US DOJ grants administered for Alabama municipalities by Alabama Dept of Economic and Community Affairs

ALASKA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

ARIZONA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

ARKANSAS
US DOJ Byrne Justice Grant administered by Arkansas Dept of Finance and Administration

CALIFORNIA
Police One Grants Help lists the Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement, Community Policing, Town, City or County Government Grant administered through the California Board of State and Community Corrections. This Board also administers the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.
California Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant Description
Board of State and Community Corrections Grant Funded Programs

COLORADO
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

CONNECTICUT
Connecticut Legislature has allocated BWC Reimbursement Grant Program for local and university LE agencies. Reimbursement program not payment in advance so must implement first.
Body-Worn Recording Equipment (BWRE) Reimbursement Grant Program for Local University and Law Enforcement Agencies
DELAWARE
State of Delaware Dept of Safety and Homeland Security administers the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement yearly grants to be used for items that include evidentiary cameras.

Department of Safety and Homeland Security for the State of Delaware
State Aid to Local Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

FLORIDA
No indication of State provided or administered funding. Many agencies aggressively seek Federal funding

GEORGIA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

HAWAII
No state provided or administered funding, although interestingly, only one municipal agency (Hawaii County) has yet to deploy BWCs

IDAHO
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

ILLINOIS
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board offers reimbursement for cameras purchased up to approximately $5750 per unit.
Illinois Law Enforcement Train and Standards Board Camera Grant Information

INDIANA
Federal DOJ grants administered by Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Funding Opportunities

IOWA
State funding available through Iowa Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management under the Homeland Security Grant program.

KANSAS
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

KENTUCKY
Kentucky has a year-round Law Enforcement Protection Program through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security that includes funding for camera technology as a secondary priority to body armor and firearms/ammunition. The maximum is $355 per camera device and do not include associated charges. More information on the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program.

LOUISIANA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

MAINE
The Maine Justice Assistance Council as part of its Department of Public Safety administers the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Federal Grant.

MARYLAND
The Local Government Insurance Trust is funding a special equipment grant to help member LE agencies purchase cameras due to potential direct impact on LE liability. Grant limit is $5000 and on first-come, first-serve basis and applicable to support devices as well. On-line application. More information on the Law Enforcement Body Camera Grant.
MASSACHUSETTS
The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has sponsored general safety equipment grants for Massachusetts communities that have been applied to Body Camera purchase. Contact organization for more information.

MICHIGAN
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

MINNESOTA
No current grants that apply to Body Camera purchase but well organized website through Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs can be reviewed. Office of Justice Programs Justice/Community Grants.

MISSOURI
All applicable Federal and State Grants administered through Missouri Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. The Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program is described: LLEBG/JAG contracts are awarded to law enforcement agencies through their state of local unit of government. Six-month contracts in amounts up to $10,000 are awarded for the purchase of equipment directly related to basic law enforcement functions and officer safety. The goal of this program is to make funds available to units of local government to improve officer and public safety.

MISSISSIPPI
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

MONTANA
Montana Board of Crime Control offers and administers various Federal and State grants. No current Grant applicable to cameras shown but a complete listing of grants is available for review and will be updated. Request for Proposals 2018, Montana Board of Crime Control

NEBRASKA
A private foundation (Edgar and Frances Reynolds Foundation) located in Nebraska has supplied Grants to smaller LE departments for Body Cameras and Nebraska DOT appears to offer general highway safety project grants that could apply to cameras. Nebraska DOT Project Grant information.

NEVADA
Administration and guidance on the available Federal Grants is available through the Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice. Applications - Grant and Funding Request.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Federal grants administered and managed through New Hampshire Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

NEW JERSEY
New Jersey Attorney General’s office Department of Law & Public Safety includes assistance for cameras in the Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement, Community Policing, Town, City, or County Government grant. Body Worn Camera Assistance Program.

NEW MEXICO
Federal and State grants administered and managed through New Mexico Department of Public Safety Grant Management Bureau. Current grants feature the Law Enforcement Protection Fund available as a broad use grant. Details of current availability on Grant Management Bureau website. Current Grant Programs.

NEW YORK
CAMS program offered through New York Office of the Attorney general with funds seized from crime proceeds. For departments of at least 130 officers. Office of the Attorney General CAMS Program.
NORTH CAROLINA
The Governor’s Crime Commission offers a State appropriated Body/Dash Camera Grant for agencies in Counties of less than 75,000 population. The Grant appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly specifies use for Body or Dash cameras but does not define them, so may potentially apply to WMCs. $100,000 limit and proof of a policy required. Current funding has February 2019 deadline. Governor’s Crime Commission.

NORTH DAKOTA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

OHIO
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group offering Grants to Police Chiefs who use Lexipol. No other details given but straight forward on-line application is provided. Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Body Camera Program.

OREGON
The Oregon municipal insurance program (CIS) offers a one-time $1000 grant toward purchase of Body Cameras through their program. Body Camera Group Purchase

PENNSYLVANIA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

RHODE ISLAND
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Legislation in 2016 passed creating the South Carolina Public Safety Coordinating Council to administer State provided funding for cameras. $5.8 million initially distributed, and unclear status of renewal funding with website apparently under construction. Local agencies begin accepting grants for body cameras.

TENNESSEE
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

TEXAS
Texas Governor’s office Criminal Justice Program has operated an annual Grant program to aid municipal law enforcement in establishing or enhancing camera programs. It is not based on a renewing funding stream so is evaluated on a yearly basis. The Grant was available in 2018. Body-Worn Camera Program Grants Body-Worn Camera Grant Programs (Texas)

UTAH
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

VERMONT
The Governor’s Highway Safety Program funds specifically applied-for projects. Cameras and similar items are not on the approved list, but can receive funding proportional to the amount of use specifically for Highway safety.

VIRGINIA
Department of Criminal Justice Services administers Federal and various State Grant opportunities. 2018 includes a general invitation for LE application for general funding and notes that half of funding money available is set aside for LE agencies with less than 50 members. Grants and current funding opportunities Fall 2018 Invitation for Law Enforcement Grant Applications
WASHINGTON
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

WEST VIRGINIA
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

WISCONSIN
No indication of State provided or administered funding.

WYOMING
Wyoming Department of Transportation offering general funding for Highway Safety including communications and technology IT for which Weapon Mounted Cameras may apply. Wyoming Highway Safety Grant