



## Body Armor Grant (BARM) and Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant (BPVP)

### Program Information:

The Governor's Office and the Department of Justice (DOJ) are committed to the health and safety of all law enforcement officers, and urge all officers to continue wearing their protective vests. DOJ also encourages public safety officers to follow body armor manufacturer "wear and care" instructions. Officers should inspect their body armor on a regular basis. Armor showing excessive wear or damage should be replaced.

The dramatic reduction in officer homicides following the introduction of body armor attests to the protection it provides. The success stories extend far beyond just protection from handguns. More than 3,000 lives have been spared, including cases in which body armor prevented serious injuries to officers from other types of assaults or accidents.

Protective body armor means a vest or similar article that is designed to be worn to protect against blunt force trauma associated with the impact of a firearm projectile and manufactured of bullet resistant fabric that conforms to National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standard 0101.03 (or the current edition) and V-50 ballistic testing requirements. Stab resistant armor should provide protection against injury from penetration by knives or sharp-pointed edged weapons while ensuring that the movement of the officer is not unduly restricted.

### **State Grant Funds: Body Armor Grant (BARM)**

#### Eligibility:

- Local Law Enforcement/Non State Agency
- County Detention Centers

Match: 50% cash match is required

*Note: BARM applicants can also apply for BPVP funds through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and must apply directly through their website at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>*



### **Federal Grant Funds: Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant (BPVP)**

#### Eligibility:

- State Agencies including:
  - Maryland State Police
  - State Colleges with police departments
  - State Correctional Facilities
  - State Fire Marshalls

Match: 50% cash match is required

*Notes: BPVP federal applicants are required to submit two applications: 1) to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and 2) to GOCCP.*

*Non-state agencies are encouraged to apply directly to the Office of Justice Programs for BPVP funding.*

### **Important Dates for BARM & BPVP Grants**

<b>February</b>	NOFA posting	<b>April</b>	Hard copy applications due
<b>March</b>	Electronic applications due	<b>July 1</b>	Program start date

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Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

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