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### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS OVER \$54 MILLION TO SUPPORT HEALTH AND SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

#### *Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (\$23.6 million)*

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs allocated funds to jurisdictions across 49 states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico under the Bureau of Justice Assistance's **Bulletproof Vest Partnership**, which reimburses states, territories, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities and local jurisdictions for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers. Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with a total of \$522 million in federal funds for the purchase of over 1 million vests (1,395,976 as of February 2020). This year's funding supports BVP purchases in 4,450 jurisdictions.

#### *Law Enforcement Safety and Wellness Programs (\$10.8 million)*

BJA is providing nearly \$11 million to support the National Officer Safety and VALOR initiatives. This funding, under the **Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative**, will be awarded to the following organizations:

- The Institute for Intergovernmental Research will receive \$6.2 million for the VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program to provide state, local and tribal law enforcement with training and technical assistance on topics that directly affect officer wellness and safety. The comprehensive program teaches tactics and skills and builds awareness, all of which help officers preemptively identify and deal with deadly encounters in ways that keep community members and themselves safe.
- The Institute for Intergovernmental Research will receive \$2.4 million for the National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program, or SAFLEO, to develop and deliver training that focuses on awareness, recognition and prevention of officer suicide.
- The National Police Foundation will receive \$1.2 million for the National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program to provide law enforcement officers with training and resources on issues related to traffic safety.

- The International Association of Chiefs of Police will receive \$1 million for the National Consortium on Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide to convene a national consortium of experts, organizations and associations to examine the threats and issues surrounding suicide among law enforcement officers, and to provide recommendations and solutions for addressing this critically important issue.

***National Officers Safety Initiative (\$300,000)***

BJA awarded \$300,000 to the National Sheriffs' Association for the **Supporting the Blue Campaign**. The funds will be used for a national media campaign about law enforcement and the challenges faced by those who serve, such as factors that cause stress.

***Body-Worn Camera Program (\$19.3 million)***

BJA awarded nearly \$8 million to 40 law enforcement agencies under its **Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program**. Funding will enable grantees to improve their capacity to gather evidence and protect the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens. Recipients include:

| <b>State</b>         | <b>Awardee</b>                              | <b>Amount</b> |
|----------------------|---|---------------|
| Alabama              | Hueytown Police Department                  | \$54,723      |
| Alabama              | Jefferson County                            | \$340,000     |
| California           | San Bernardino City Unified School District | \$87,350      |
| California           | San Luis Obispo County                      | \$200,000     |
| Colorado             | University of Colorado, Denver              | \$69,400      |
| Delaware             | Executive Office of the Governor            | \$630,000     |
| District of Columbia | DC Government - DOC                         | \$870,000     |
| Florida              | City of Miami                               | \$392,281     |
| Florida              | City of Longwood                            | \$52,391      |
| Louisiana            | City of Slidell Police Department           | \$89,989      |
| Maryland             | Morgan State University                     | \$139,380     |
| Maryland             | Towson University                           | \$60,000      |
| Mississippi          | Panola County                               | \$26,118      |
| Mississippi          | Pearl River County Board of Supervisors     | \$39,120      |
| Missouri             | Cape Girardeau Police Department            | \$111,975     |
| Missouri             | City of Belton                              | \$22,872      |
| Missouri             | City of Creve Coeur                         | \$80,000      |
| Missouri             | REJIS Commission                            | \$269,696     |
| Nebraska             | City of Wahoo                               | \$8,000       |
| Nebraska             | Sarpy County                                | \$84,000      |
| New Jersey           | Phillipsburg Police Department              | \$20,000      |
| New Jersey           | Township of North Bergen, Inc.              | \$160,000     |
| New Jersey           | Union County                                | \$102,500     |
| New York             | Village of Waterloo                         | \$8,628       |
| North Carolina       | City of Elizabeth City                      | \$13,826      |
| North Carolina       | Wake County                                 | \$200,000     |
| Oregon               | City of Springfield                         | \$120,000     |
| Pennsylvania         | Fairview Township                           | \$24,758      |

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| Tennessee  | City of Knoxville                          | \$350,000   |
| Texas      | Cameron County Sheriff's Department        | \$75,000    |
| Texas      | City of Dallas                             | \$499,820   |
| Texas      | City of Houston                            | \$2,000,000 |
| Texas      | City of Kingsville Police Department       | \$20,655    |
| Texas      | City of Mission                            | \$18,825    |
| Texas      | City of Victoria, Texas, Police Department | \$38,000    |
| Virginia   | Warren County Sheriff's Office             | \$41,810    |
| Washington | City of Everett                            | \$300,000   |
| Wisconsin  | City of Beaver Dam                         | \$40,106    |
| Wisconsin  | County of LaCrosse                         | \$40,000    |
| Wisconsin  | LaCrosse Police Department                 | \$137,071   |

Additional funds, nearly \$1.5 million, will provide interactive training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies using body-worn cameras.

| State    | Awardee         | Amount      |
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| Virginia | CNA Corporation | \$1,499,013 |

Under the **Supporting Small and Rural Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program**, BJA will provide funding and program development through the following grant.

| State    | Awardee                       | Amount       |
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| Maryland | Justice & Security Strategies | \$10,000,000 |

Additional information about Fiscal Year 2020 grant awards made by the Office of Justice Programs can be found online at the [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

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