

May 19, 2021

The Honorable Judge Lina Hidalgo  
And Members of Commissioners Court  
Harris County Administration Building  
Houston, Texas 77002

Honorable Members of Court:

The Sheriff's Office requests Commissioners Court authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for \$365,000, consisting of \$182,500 in grant funds and the required match of \$182,500, for the FY 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. This program would fund the purchase of bulletproof vests for the Sheriff's Office.

Program Title:	FY 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership
Fund Source:	U.S. Department of Justice, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership
Application Number:	21026507
Purpose:	To purchase bulletproof vests for officers
Grant Period:	9/1/2021 – 8/31/2023
Grant Amount:	\$182,500
Cash Match Amount:	\$182,500
Total Program Cost:	\$365,000
Project Contact:	Sgt. Kathryn Martin
Grant Contact:	Jazmin Gonzales

Your favorable consideration in the above request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff  
Harris County



# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Office of Budget Management 1001 Preston; Suite 500 Houston, TX 77002 713-274-1135  
Grants Coordination Section - Conveyance Form Application Award



Department Name / Number	DUNs	Grant Title
Sheriff - 540	072206378	Bulletproof Vest Partnership 21
Funding Source: U.S. Department of Justice: CFDA# 16.607	Grant Agency: U.S. Department of Justice	
Program Year: 12 th	Program Ending:	
Grant Begin Date: 09/01/2021	Grant End Date: 08/31/2023	
Grant Org. Key:	If applicable, Prior Year Org. Key: ISM54060	

## Grant Description:

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) is a program designed to reimburse states, counties, cities, and tribes up to 50% of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers.

	Total Budget	Grant Funded	County Funded
Salary & Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Labor	\$365,000.00	\$182,500.00	\$182,500.00
Sub Tot. Incremental Cost	\$365,000.00	\$182,500.00	\$182,500.00
Indirect Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00*
TOTALS	\$365,000.00	\$182,500.00	\$182,500.00

\* under development

Full Time Equivalent Positions

Date Guidelines are Available

% of Positions Paid by Grant

Grant Submittal Deadline Date

## Grant Discussion:

If awarded, this would be the 12th year of funding for the Sheriff under this grant program but the first in five years. The grant would provide \$182,500 for the purchase of 500 bulletproof vests, with a unit cost of \$730. The grant requires a 50% match, which equates to \$182,500. Note: All entities receiving vests under this grant program must have a written "mandatory wear" policy in place.

## County Funded Cost Projection

Year	Required	Discretionary
2022	45,625.00	-
2023	91,250.00	-
2024	45,625.00	-
2025	-	-
2026	-	-

Completed by: Michael Mattingly Mattingly, Mike

Date: 6/1/2021

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 6/1/2021

**ORDER**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

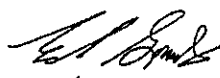
On this, the 8th day of June, 2021, the Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas, sitting as the governing body of Harris County, upon motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, duly put and carried,

IT IS ORDERED that County Judge Lina Hidalgo or her designee be hereby authorized to approve, and to sign any ancillary grant documents, and on behalf of Harris County, Texas, to apply for, the following grant from the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance:

**FY 2021 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM –  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Grant Amount:	\$182,500
Cash Match Amount:	\$182,500
Total Program Cost:	\$365,000

**TO:** Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff  
**THRU:** Edison Toquica, Chief Deputy  
**THRU:** Michael Lanham, Director of Finance  
**THRU:** Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager  
**FROM:** Jazmin Gonzales, Grant Analyst  
**DATE:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** FY21 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Application

  
Edison Toquica  
Edison Toquica (May 25, 2021 15:22 CDT)

Michael Lanham  
Michael Lanham (May 25, 2021 11:59 CDT)

Brian Schmitz  
Brian Schmitz (May 20, 2021 08:06 CDT)

The Grants Management Office requests authorization to submit to Commissioners Court an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2021 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program for \$365,000. The total program cost of \$365,000 would consist of the grant award of \$182,500 and the minimum required match of \$182,500. This Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program would provide funding for the purchase of bulletproof vests during the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

  
Jazmin Gonzales  
Jazmin Gonzales (May 19, 2021 16:20 CDT)

Jazmin Gonzales, Grant Analyst

Contact Information		
Point of Contact	Kathryn Martin (713) 881-3100 kmarti4@houstontranstar.org	HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE ( 44110110170100 ) 1200 Baker St. HOUSTON, TX
Application ID:	21026507	
Date Submitted to Jurisdiction:	18-MAY-21	
Application Status:	Sent for BVP Approval.	

Application Profile		
Vest Replacement Cycle		5
Number of Officers		5224
Number of Emergency Replacement Needs	Number of Stolen or Damaged	30
	Number of Officer Turnover	200

Product: AXBIII A ( Threat Level: III A / Gender: M ) Manufacturer: Point Blank Body Armor Vendor:					
Quantity:	500	Unit Price:	\$730.00	Extended Cost:	\$365,000.00
Date Added:	17-MAY-21			Tax / S&H Cost	\$0.00
				Total Cost:	\$365,000.00

Contact Information		
Point of Contact	Kathryn Martin (281) 536-2645 Kathryn.Martin@Sheriff.hctx.net	441101101 ( HARRIS COUNTY ) 1200 Baker St. HOUSTON, TX
Application ID:	21026507	
Date Submitted to BVP:	18-MAY-21	
Application Status:	Sent for BVP Approval.	

Application Profile		
Number of Agencies Applied		0
Total Number of Officers for Application		5224
Number of Officers on Approved Applications		5224

Request by LEA: HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE					
Quantity:	500 @ \$730.00	Tax / S&H Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost:	\$365,000.00
Date Submitted to Jurisdiction: 17-MAY-21		Current Status		Sent for BVP Approval	
<a href="#">View this LEA's Application for Funding</a>					
Grand Totals for Vest Profiles by this Jurisdiction:					
Quantity:	500	Tax / S&H Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost:	\$365,000.00
Sent for BVP Approval					

# CEO CERTIFICATION



Application Profile



Application



NIJ Approved Vests



Submit Application

## CERTIFICATION

### General Certification

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs**

**Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant  
Certifications and Assurances  
by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government**

On behalf of the applicant, and in support of this application for an award under the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant program, I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (Department), that all of the following are true and correct:

- a. I have the authority, as chief executive of the applicant to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award to the applicant based on its application.
- b. The applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs.
- c. I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application, the applicant will-
  - i. comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;
  - ii. require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and

iii. maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

d. The applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition-

i. the applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);

ii. the applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 815(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (42 U.S.C. § 13925(b)(13)) also may apply; and

iii. on behalf of the applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

e. The applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), and 46 (human subjects protection).

f. I assure that the applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by OJP based on the application. The applicant agrees that documentation to support the BVP application and payment requests will be kept for at least a three year period.

g. I certify that submission of this application for funding under the BVP Grant Act constitutes the legally binding acceptance by the applicant of the terms and conditions set forth in the application, and of the BVP program's statutory, regulatory, and programmatic requirements, restrictions, and conditions.

h. The applicant understands that, in the case of any equipment or products that may be purchased under an award under the BVP Grant Act, it is the sense of the Congress that

BVP recipients receiving the assistance should, in expending the award funds, purchase only American-made equipment and products.

i. No funding received under any other Federal grant program will be used to pay or defer the cost, in whole or in part, of the matching requirement of 31 USC § 10531(1), except as provided in 31 USC § 10531(2) regarding funds appropriated for the activities of any agency of an Indian Tribal government or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

j. The applicant EITHER:

i. did NOT (or will NOT) apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local award for the same fiscal year as that of this application; OR

ii. HAS applied for (or WILL apply for) a JAG Local award for the same fiscal year as that of this application and has considered but did NOT (and does NOT) expect to use those JAG Local award funds for any part of the cost of purchasing armor vests (including either the federal or the match portion).

☒ **I acknowledge and accept the General Certification**

#### **CERTIFICATION**

##### **Funding Limits Certification**

a. I acknowledge that all funding awards will be subject to the availability of funds and I acknowledge that there is no guaranteed level of funding associated with the submission of this application to the BVP program.

b. The applicant will meet its financial and contractual obligations associated with any purchase transactions, regardless of the amount of funding received under this application.

☒ **I acknowledge and accept the Funding Limits Certification**

#### **CERTIFICATION**

##### **Mandatory Wear Policy Certification**



- a. The applicant has a written, mandatory-wear policy that establishes general requirements for law enforcement and corrections officers, assigned to uniformed functions, to wear (subject to appropriate exceptions as determined by the applicant) bullet-resistant vests and that this policy is in effect on the date this application is submitted.
- b. I assure that the foregoing written mandatory-wear policy will remain in effect during the service life of any and all vests purchased with federal funds under this award.
- c. To the best of my knowledge and belief, after diligent inquiry and review, this applicant is, at the time this application is submitted, in compliance with the foregoing mandatory-wear policy.
- d. I assure that the applicant will remain in compliance with the foregoing mandatory-wear policy throughout the service life of any and all vests purchased with federal funds under this award.

**☒ I acknowledge and accept the Mandatory Wear Policy Certification**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Unique Vest Fit Certification**

- a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, after diligent inquiry and review, I certify that, at the time this application is submitted-
  - i. The criteria and protocols, made available by the BVP program, for providing "uniquely fitted" ballistic or stab-resistant vests to officers have been reviewed.
  - ii. All of the applicant's law enforcement and corrections officers have been provided with access to the ASTM International "Standard Practice for Body Armor Wearer Measurement and Fitting of Armor"-ASTM Standard E3003-and the Justice Information Technology Center's "Personal Armor Fit Assessment".
  - iii. All of the applicant's law enforcement and corrections officers have been notified that, upon their request, they will be provided with the opportunity to receive a protective vest that is uniquely fitted to them.

*Note: In the BVP Program, "uniquely fitted vests" means protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor vests that conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of 1) correctly-sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement, and 2) properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners,*

*flaps, or other adjustable features. The requirement that body armor be "uniquely fitted" does not necessarily require body armor that is individually manufactured based on the measurements of an individual wearer.*

☒ I acknowledge and accept the Unique Vest Fit Certification

## CERTIFICATION

### Signature Acknowledgement Certification

I understand and acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that payments under OJP programs such as the BVP program, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by OJP and by the Department's Office of the Inspector General.

☒ I acknowledge and accept the Signature Acknowledgement Certification

## SIGNATURE

As the chief executive officer (or designee), authorized to submit this application, I hereby enter my full name in the space provided below:

Esperanza Marie Cary

SUBMIT

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