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Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 10:05 AM
To: dale.kennan@co.hidalgo.tx.us
Subject: FW: Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY 2010 Award Announcement

Dale,
This is for your FYI. I am in the process of submitting for reimbursement.

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From: owner-bvp-list@ojp.usdoj.gov [mailto:owner-bvp-list@ojp.usdoj.gov] **On Behalf Of** BVP
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2010 10:46 AM
To: BVP-list
Subject: Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY 2010 Award Announcement

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to inform you that your agency will receive an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) solicitation. These funds have been posted to your account in the BVP system. For questions regarding the BVP Program or your award, please do not hesitate to contact the BVP Help Desk at vests@usdoj.gov or 1-877-758-3787.

A complete list of FY 2010 BVP awards is available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>

The FY 2010 award funds may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which were ordered on or after April 1, 2010. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2010 award funds is August 31, 2012, or until all available 2010 awards funds have been requested.

BJA is also announcing a financial hardship waiver request for all FY 2010 BVP funds. Previously, a jurisdiction was only able to request up to 50% the cost of a vest with their available BVP funds. Now, during the payment request process, jurisdictions may request a waiver and receive up to 100% of the cost of each vest submitted for reimbursement.

Jurisdictions requesting a waiver of the 50% match requirement may not use BVP funds toward the purchase of any vest with a total unit cost greater than \$1,200; excluding taxes, shipping and handling fees (if any) to maximize funding for all eligible jurisdictions.

Additionally, jurisdictions requesting a waiver have to meet criteria of financial or natural disaster hardship. The jurisdictions have to cite the source of their financial hardship during the waiver request process. Jurisdictions will be expected to keep documentation substantiating the financial hardship for four years and realize the waiver requests are open to Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of the Inspector General audits.

Finally, all applicant jurisdictions, requesting a waiver of the 50% match, would be required to certify that the jurisdiction's Chief Executive Officer formally accepts the request for the waiver and confirms the waiver justification provided. The certification must list the highest elected official from the requesting jurisdiction in order to be approved.
Thank You.

BVP Program Support Team