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Dear BVP Applicant,

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to inform you that your agency will receive an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) solicitation. These funds have been posted to your account in the BVP System. A complete list of FY 2020 BVP awards is available at: <https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview>.

Important: Jurisdictions must be registered in the SAM system (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>) in order to be paid for any 2020 BVP funds. For more information about renewing and updating your existing SAM registration, or registering in SAM as a new entity, please visit https://fsd.gov/fsd-gov/answer.do?syparm_number=KB0011081. The SAM Helpdesk can be reached at 866-606-8220.

The FY 2020 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which were ordered after April 1, 2020. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2020 award is August 31, 2022, or until all available funds have been requested. Awards will not be extended past that date, and any unused funds will be forfeited.

Please see the following websites for a list of NIJ compliant vests: <https://cjtec.org/compliance-testing-program/compliant-product-lists/>

As a reminder, all jurisdictions that applied for FY 2020 BVP funding certified that a mandatory wear policy was in place for their jurisdiction. BJA will be conducting reviews of the mandatory wear policies as funds are requested from the BVP System. For more information on the BVP mandatory wear policy, please see the BVP Frequently Asked Questions document:

https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/FAQsBVP MandatoryWear Policy_0.pdf

Finally, please visit the following page for checklists and guides for each step of the BVP process: <https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/program-resources>

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.

Thank you

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