

## Jennifer Ayres

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**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 10:25 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Ayres  
**Subject:** Your Application has been forwarded to BVP for approval

Thank you for submitting an online Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) application. Your application will be safeguarded until the current application period closes on June 27, 2022.

**Funding Decisions and Notification:** When this application period closes, the following will occur: Each application is checked against the availability of funds to cover a portion of its total cost, in keeping with established rules and statutory set-asides. Once funding decisions are made, Congress is notified, followed by an electronic (email) message to the primary jurisdiction contact regarding the specific level of funding available. After this notification, DOJ requires additional time to create or update each jurisdiction's financial account. You will then be notified again (via email) that funds are available for drawdown through the payment request process in your online handbook. Assuming there are no changes or significant delays in the above processes, online payment requests for the 2022 applications should be available no later than September 30, 2022.

**Formula and Matching Requirements:** The program requires that each applicant jurisdiction be responsible for providing at least 50 percent of the cost of each qualifying vest purchased. Tribal governments may use other federally-appropriated funds to provide their portion of the total cost; all other jurisdictions must use non-federal funds. Non-federal fund sources include state and/or local jurisdiction revenues, private or personal funds, and contributions from insurance or workman's compensation consortiums. Asset forfeiture funds may also be used to meet the jurisdiction's financial requirement. By submitting this application, you have already certified that you understand and will abide by the following: "Funding availability, levels, and percentages are uncertain. There is no guaranteed funding level associated with any application submitted to the BVP program. Jurisdictions agree to meet their financial and contractual obligations associated with any purchase transactions, regardless of the level of funding received through this application."

**Purchasing NIJ-approved Vests:** BVP program funds may only be used to help defray the costs of NIJ-approved vest makes and models. Any ballistic or stab vest meeting applicable NIJ standards is eligible for funding. Vests contained in your application provide a basis for funding decisions. However, you are not obligated to purchase those exact vest makes and models. You may use BVP funds to help defray the costs of any NIJ-approved vest. Simply reflect any changes in the online receipt report(s), when you initiate the online payment process. BVP funds remain in your "account" through the end of the second federal fiscal year following the year of this application. Therefore, you have ample time to make and complete eligible purchases.

**Need Assistance?** Please call the BVP technical support helpdesk at 877-758-3787 (toll free). Thank you and continued success in providing lifesaving body armor for your eligible officers and employees.

BVP Technical Support Team