

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Necessity of Information: The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies. The purpose of this program is to help protect the lives of law enforcement officers by helping states and units of local and tribal governments equip their officers with armor vests. The collection of information is necessary to verify the eligibility of an applicant's jurisdiction for partial reimbursement of costs (up to 50%) associated with the purchase of the armor vests. The data provided in the application will determine the need and funding level and provide bank account information for electronic payments. This program is administered in accordance with BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998, Public Law 105-181, 42 USC 3796ll.

2. Purpose for Use: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) uses the data provided in the application to certify eligibility for federal assistance under the BVP program. Eligibility is dependent upon several factors. BJA uses the data collected to review, approve, and make awards to jurisdictions in accordance with programmatic and statutory requirements. Certified eligible applicants may then submit documented requests for funds to defray the cost of one vest per officer per applicant agency's vest replacement cycle.

3. Use of Information Technology: The BVP application form is accessible by the Internet at BJA's web site: <https://ojp.gov/bvpbasi/>. The BVP application is also available via mail by contacting:

Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership
810 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531
1-877-758-3787 Toll free
vests@ojp.gov E-mail

4. Identification of Duplication: This is the only Federal program providing this assistance. The BVP application is the only form that asks the information required to determine if a jurisdiction is eligible for the BVP payment.

5. Impact on Small Businesses or Other Entities: The information collection

requirements do not impact small businesses or other entities as described in the instructions for completing OMB Form 83-I.

6. Consequences if Collection is not Conducted: BJA would not be able to review, approve, nor provide jurisdictional reimbursement in a timely, equitable, and effective manner.

7. Special Circumstances: None.

8. Publication: The collection period is opened annually after Congressional appropriations.

9. Payment to Respondents: The completion and successful processing of this application will entitle the applicant to submit vest receipts and request payment in the BVP system.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality: All information on the application is collected in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. OJP is compliant with 28 CFR 22, which protects confidentiality of identifiable and statistical information and is committed to keeping a system of records that is consistent with the regulations of the Privacy Act.

11. Questions of a Sensitive Nature: No sensitive questions are asked of the respondents.

12. Estimate of the Hour Burden: Annual Hour Burden

- a. Number of Respondents: 4,145 in FY 25
- b. Number of applications submitted per respondent: 1 application
- c. Total annual applications: 4,145 in FY 25
- d. Hours per application: 1 hours / 60 minutes
- e. Total Annual Reporting Burden: $4,145 \times 1 \text{ hour} = 4,145 \text{ hours}$

13. Estimate of the Total Annual Cost Burden: There is no capital or start up costs associated with information collection under this program. The minimal cost to the respondents is the time spent (approximately 1 hours) gathering the information and the transmission of the application.

14. Estimate of Annualized Cost to the Federal Government:

Federal Grant Manager: The assigned program manager for this program is paid at an annual rate of a GS-13/10 at \$158,322 per year, plus \$55,412 (or 35% in fringe benefits) which is 213,743/52 weeks/40 hours per week equal an hourly rate of \$102. The grant

manager assigned spends approximately 40% of work hours on the BVP program = \$85,497.

Second Federal Grant Manager: The second assigned program manager for this program is paid an annual rate of a GS-9 at \$75,332 per year, plus \$26,366 (or 35% in fringe benefits) which is \$101,698./52 weeks/40 hours per week equal to an hourly rate of \$48.89. The grant manager assigned spends approximately 70% of work hours on the BVP program = \$71,188.

Total Federal Cost: \$156,685

15. Program Changes or Adjustments: This is a request for a revision of a previously approved collection for which approval will expire in 2025.

16. Publishing Information: The information collected will not be published.

17. Approval to not Displaying the OMB Approval: The present information collection request does not seek such an approval.

18. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submission: See attached Certification Statement.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS

This information collection does not employ the use of statistical collection methods.