

The men and women involved in law enforcement face some of the most significant challenges imaginable during the course of their careers.

Therefore, it is paramount that these dedicated professionals have available to them the very best in protective equipment.

The Law Enforcement Protection Program enables the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to provide grant funds for these vital items to law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

Funding for the Law Enforcement Protection Program is derived from the sale of confiscated firearms by the Kentucky State Police sold at public auction to federally licensed firearms dealers. KRS 16.220



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Law Enforcement Protection Program



Grant funding provided for Kentucky law enforcement agencies protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security provides grant funding to city, county, charter county, unified local government, urban-county government, and consolidated legal government police departments, university safety and security departments organized pursuant to KRS 164.950, school districts that employ special law enforcement officers and service animals as defined in KRS 61.900; and sheriff's departments for:

- Body armor
- Duty weapons and ammunition
- Electronic control devices, electronic control weapons, or electro-muscular disruption technology
- Body worn cameras

Grants under the Law Enforcement Protection Program give first priority to providing and replacing body armor and second priority to providing firearms and ammunition, with residual funds available for the purchase of electronic control devices, electronic control weapons, electro-muscular disruption technology, or body worn cameras.

Body armor shall meet or exceed the standards issued by the National Institute of Justice for body armor. Grants will not be awarded to replace existing body armor unless that body armor has been in actual use for a period of five (5) years or longer.

Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant Process

Application for Funding

Applications for Law Enforcement Protection Program grant funding are accepted year round.

The Law Enforcement Protection Program application is available online <http://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/LEPP.aspx> or by requesting a copy by telephone 502-564-2081.

Applications for Law Enforcement Protection Program grant funding are reviewed constantly by Kentucky Office of Homeland Security staff and awarded based upon available funding.

Grant Award

Upon approval, award recipients will receive notice of the amount of funds approved and must enter into a written agreement between the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the governing agency of the law enforcement department.

Reimbursement

Each award recipient is reimbursed after funds are expended and proper documentation is provided to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. All reimbursement requests for Law Enforcement Protection Program grant funds are to be submitted using the Law Enforcement Protection Program reimbursement form available online <http://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/LEPP.aspx> or by requesting a copy by telephone 502-564-2081. Reimbursements will not be made for equipment that does not meet the grant requirements and conditions of the written agreement.

Once a Law Enforcement Protection Program grant recipient has purchased all approved equipment and requested reimbursement from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, a completion report shall be submitted by the grant recipient to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. Upon completion of the grant project, a final site visit may be conducted by Kentucky Office of Homeland Security personnel to verify compliance with the grant agreement.