



BJA Provides \$7.6 Million For Body-Worn Cameras to Small, Rural and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies

LOS ANGELES, CA — Justice & Security Strategies (JSS) announced today that its joint program with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will award \$7.6 million to 258 small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies for body-worn cameras. The grantees include 198 small towns, 49 rural Sheriff and county police agencies, three tribes, and eight other agencies.

Acting Director Kristen Mahoney of BJA, said that “This grant program made it easier for small, rural, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to apply for funding. We received almost 1,000 applications, a clear indication that these agencies wanted a streamlined grant process. This serves as an example for us going forward.”

JSS representative, Dr. Shellie Solomon, said that “This represents a down-payment by the Justice Department to provide law enforcement with valuable resources to increase accountability and build trust with the communities they serve. The awardees will purchase 5,605 cameras that will enhance protection for both officers and citizens.”

BJA selected Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. to administer the grant program through a cooperative agreement. For more information about the program and a list of the agencies receiving funds, please visit <https://www.srtbwc.com>.

For resources to support the development and implementation of body-worn camera programs, the Department of Justice has created a [Body-Worn Camera Tool Kit](#).

The Bureau of Justice Assistance helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system. BJA's grants, cooperative agreements, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting-edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization.

BJA is a component of the [Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice](#). The Office of Justice Programs provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, advance racial equity in the administration of justice, assist victims and enhance the rule of law. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

JSS is a woman- and minority-owned criminal justice consulting firm. Dr. Craig D. Uchida is President and Dr. Shellie E. Solomon is CEO. See the JSS website for more information: www.jssinc.org.

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