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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Frankland
FROM: Commissioner Rossana Rosado, Division of Criminal Justice Services 
DATE: February 3, 2023
SUBJECT: Body Worn Camera (BWC) Funding Approval Notice

Please be advised that your agency's request to DCJS for Body Worn Camera (BWC) funding has been approved for the amount of \$26,000.00. Payments have been, or will be made, directly to your agency. An executed DCJS local grant contract for this payment will not be necessary.

This is a one-time payment for the purchase of BWCs and software related to BWCs, as your agency submitted to DCJS in the Application for Funding. At this time, DCJS does not have funding to support the continued maintenance of such equipment.

As noted in the BWC Application for Funding, DCJS worked with the NYS Office of General Services (OGS) regarding a state contract for the purchase of BWC equipment. We have been advised that OGS does have a state contract in place available for authorized entities to use for procurement. The link to that contract is <https://online.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/snt/awardnotes/7360022802ContractorPage.pdf>. If the available equipment meets your agency's needs, we encourage you to purchase through the OGS centralized contract before pursuing other procurement methods.

If your department is not currently an authorized entity/user for OGS contracts, there is additional information on the OGS website on how to register. Please visit the OGS website at <https://ogs.ny.gov/procurement/ogs-centralized-contracts> for more information.

Please be advised that funds used for the purchase of BWCs may be subject to an audit. During an audit, award recipients may be asked to provide documentation supporting equipment purchases, such as invoices and proof of payment. Award recipients are also expected to control the assignment and disposition of BWCs using a suitable equipment inventory tracking method.

As a reminder, all funded agencies must maintain a BWC policy that meets or exceeds the provisions set forth in the Municipal Police Training Council's (MPTC) Body-Worn Camera Model Policy published by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. (See MPTC "Body-Worn Camera Model Policy," issued September 2015.)

DCJS is pleased to be able to provide your agency with funding to support BWCs, which can help improve police officer interactions with the public and serve as an integrated part of your agency's problem-solving and community-engagement strategy. We look forward to working with you in our shared efforts to keep New Yorkers and visitors to our state safe, and ensure a criminal justice system that works for all.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact DCJS at BWCquestions@dcjs.ny.gov and please include "BWC Payment" in Subject Line of the email. Thank you for your partnership.

Cc: Amy Topor