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Program Overview and Guidelines

Cities and towns with Law Enforcement Agencies that participate in the League's Workers' Compensation Trust are eligible to apply for Soft Body Armor Grants. The Soft Body Armor Grant program helps agencies offset the cost of providing body armor for police officers. Qualified purchases are reimbursed at 50% of the cost, up to \$250 for each vest. Qualified agencies are eligible for a maximum of \$2,500 annually.

1. Each participating law enforcement agency must have a designated staff member trained in the selection, use and maintenance of body armor.
2. Each participating law enforcement agency must establish a written policy mandating the use of body armor; agencies also must implement an enforcement program to require on-duty officers to wear soft body armor.
3. Purchased soft body armor must provide, at minimum, front and back protection and be National Institute of Justice certified.
4. Grant applications must upload a copy of the department's mandatory wear policy, paid invoice/check payment and signature from Police Chief with current date.
5. Grant request for 1st time soft body armor purchases can be submitted throughout the current budget year (July 1st - June 30th).
6. Grant request for replacement soft body armor purchases can only be submitted January 1st - June 30th during the current budget year.
7. Grant funding is for worker's comp pool members only.

Important Information: Invoices must be dated within the current budget year **(07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023)**. Invoices dated prior to **(07/01/2022)** will not be accepted.

Members must apply online. [Grant Application Portal](#)

Contact Matthew Selves at mselves@nclm.org or call 704 - 902 -2692.



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