



SPRIT OF BLUE

SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Thank you for your agency's interest in being considered for a Spirit of Blue Safety Equipment or Training Grant. Attached to this sheet is a submission form that will aid you in submitting information for consideration. While we are not able to approve all requests that are received, we review all submissions for their potential impact on officer safety, financial hardship of the agency and the Foundation's ability to meet those needs with its resources and partnerships.

QUALIFYING SAFETY CATEGORIES

All requested equipment or training must have a clearly articulated Officer Safety impact. The Spirit of Blue has defined 15 safety categories that it will grant towards:

Protecting Life	Ballistic Protection, Medical Supplies, Safety Training, Traffic Awareness and Sensory Protection
Projecting Force	Lethal Force Options, Less-Lethal Force Options, Target Acquisition, Illumination and Firearms Accessories
Creating Advantage	Operational Gear, Communications, Footwear/Apparel, Intelligence Gathering and Security Solutions

GRANT FULFILLMENT

The Spirit of Blue rarely provides a cash award to a receiving agency. Instead, the Foundation will coordinate with the manufacturer, distributor or provider of the good or service being awarded and will donate the product or service to the receiving agency. Agencies who receive a Spirit of Blue grant are generally ineligible to receive additional grant funding again for a two (2) year period.

PROCESS DURATION

Agencies that submit for consideration will remain in the Spirit of Blue database indefinitely. There is no need to re-apply, but agencies may update their need statements as their situations change. Grants are awarded year-round based on availability of funds and coordinating partner support. Grants are not fulfilled until they are officially accepted by the agency, which may include approval from their local governing authority (city council, county commission, etc.). This process can take as short as a few weeks and has taken up to 12-18 months for some agencies to obtain. The Spirit of Blue will work with agencies to navigate their individual process for acceptance. A grant will not be withdrawn once awarded, unless the agency's local governing authority refuses the award or the grant is not accepted within 24 months of the grant being offered.



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Number of Sworn Officers:	10

Prioritized list of un-funded safety needs (with item quantities, detail and associated costs as available):

1. 12 Axon Body 4 Camera's with software
2. 12 Axon Taser 7QC with software
3. 1 case (50) Taser7 hook&loop TRN cartridges
4. 12 Axon Fleet 3 vehicle camera system with software
5. 12 Axon Signal Sidearm

Agency Description:

Our agency is made up of currently 4 officers with 6 positions waiting to be filled, after restructuring from the top administration to the bottom. We have 12 patrolling vehicles that will need items in them as well. We are a small department servicing a very rural city, but in the last couple of years have seen an increase in violent crimes and murders. We need to replace nonworking and expired equipment to ensure the safety of our officers and community.



Funding Situation:

Currently we are at the end of our fiscal year, with no extra funding sources available to purchase these items for the department. We are trying to utilize any grant or assistance we can find at this point in the year just to make ends meet.

Other Information to demonstrate merit or for consideration:

The Bonifay Police department is a very small department, only recently securing approval to hire 4 more sworn officers to have a 10 officer crew (including the Chief). Our department has also recently undergone a total restructure due to questionable decisions and actions made by the previous administration. We have since discovered that there are some major safety concerns with most of our equipment our officers utilize on a daily basis. We have recently put in place a mandatory body camera policy, which was not in place prior to our new administration. The officers that were wearing body cameras was doing so with their personal cameras. We do not have functioning Tasers for all officers, all of our tasers now are displaying "error". We would also like to install dash camera systems on all patrol vehicles as well, which would include 12 vehicles. These items that we requested, I believe, are essential to ensuring the safety of our officers and the community we serve on a daily basis.