

Written Questions of Senator Tom Coburn, M.D.

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1. Does the Burlington Police Department receive funding under the Byrne Jag Program?

We do receive Byrne JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) funding both from the formula grant/municipal block grant and through an AARA recovery grant.

- a. If so, has the Department ever used these funds as a match for Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grants?

Today we use municipal general fund resources to match the federal BVP grants. We have not ever used "JAG" funds for vest purchases. However, we used the precursor to JAG, Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) funds as a match to BVP funds in the early days of the program for one year before other funding sources were readied. LLEBG funds (\$3,750) were used only in the year 2000. During the years in between use of the LLEBG grant and a shift to direct municipal dollars (2000 to 2009), we used Equitable Sharing/Asset Forfeiture funds as the match.

2. What policies and procedures does the Department have in place to ensure federal grant money is not used in violation of various Department of Justice provisions, such as the prohibition on using federal funds as a match for BVP grants?

As a result of the size of our vest program/agency coupled with the simple approach to funding we have taken, there is no need for a layer of policy or procedure beyond the federal standard. Additionally, all of our funds are subject to annual audit to ensure compliance with a host of standards.