



VEST-A-COP
"Wear the Vest – Protect the Chest"



Application for Funding

Officer Information:

Vest Applicant Last Name			First Name			Middle Name		
Applicant Home Address								
City			State			Zip Code		
Male Female								
Applicant Gender			Applicant's Cell Phone			Applicant's E-Mail		
Current MPT Number issued by the Commonwealth of PA			Issue Date			Expiration Date		

Employment Information:

County in PA where you work			Department of Employment			Employment Status FT/PT		
Department Address								
City			State			Zip Code		



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Department/Municipality Information:

Borough or Township Name

	Full-Time	Part-Time
Total Number of Female Officers		
Total Number of Male Officers		

Does your municipality:

- Budget for vests annually? YES NO
- Keep a current audit of all vests and expiration dates? YES NO
- Provide current vests? YES NO
- Have a mandatory wear policy? YES NO
- Apply for the Department of Justice BVP, created by the Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 grants? YES NO

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If yes, what was the date of last application?

When are the funds expected?

How many new vests are funded?

How were vests acquired?

- Taxpayer Funds Fundraising Other

Applicant Certification and Statement of Commitment

If I/we are selected as a Vest-A-Cop vest recipient, I/we agree to either:

- (a) Contribute 10% toward the cost of my vest so that funds can be used to benefit another officer in the future, or
- (b) Participate in a future Vest-A-Cop fundraising event in a meaningful way.

I further agree to wear my vest and care for my vest in accordance with or better than department policy.



Release from Liability

Taylor Community Foundation (TCF) administers the “Vest-A-Cop Fund” for the purpose of distributing purported bullet-proof vests and other potentially life protecting equipment (collectively the “vest/equipment”) to Delaware County police officers within the TCF Service Area.

TCF has no involvement with the manufacturer of the vests/equipment and is acting only as an intermediary to facilitate the distribution of the vest/equipment to the police officers. TCF has no knowledge of the standard of quality or design of the vest/equipment nor does TCF have any knowledge of its suitability for a specific purpose or use.

Approved Vest Applicants will be required to execute a Release and Indemnification Agreement as a condition of award prior to the placement of your vest order.

Photo Release

I hereby grant Vest-A-Cop and TCF, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of me in connection with equipment purchased on my behalf. I authorize Vest-A-Cop and TCF, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that Vest-A-Cop and TCF may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above certification and releases

Signature of Applicant/Officer

Date

If you have any questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Background Information (Who We Are)

Vest-A-Cop was formed following the shooting of Ridley Park Police Officer, Marc Hanly, in Norwood on August 30, 2015. Officer Hanly's life was saved due to the tactical bullet proof vest he was wearing that evening. Unfortunately, as a result of that incident, we have learned that many municipalities in Delaware County do not provide tactical vests for their officers or first responders. In an effort to ensure that all first responders are adequately equipped with the life-saving tools necessary, Vest-A-Cop was formed to help raise funds to purchase vests for those who do not have one or who cannot afford one.

Vest-A-Cop is an operating fund of Taylor Community Foundation (TCF), a federally recognized non-profit charitable 501(c)3 organization. The official registration and financial information of TCF may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.

Vest-A-Cop will be hosting many fundraising events throughout the year to raise the funds necessary to purchase vests.

Bulletproof Vest Application Information

Vest-A-Cop is accepting applications for body armor from currently employed or newly hired applicants. Applications for funding must be in writing and submitted to the street or electronic address listed on the application.

All questions must be answered fully. If the application is considered incomplete, your application will be returned to you.

Application Review Process

- Applications are
 - accepted from individuals, police departments or municipalities
 - accepted on a rolling basis.
 - reviewed within 30 days of receipt.
- We employ a committee process to the vest award decisions, designed to maintain objectivity, integrity, and fairness.
- Applicants will be informed of the final decision of the Vest-A-Cop committee by mail.



When we consider an application, we will prioritize consideration of:

- Police Officers from the TCF Service Area, located in parts of Delaware County, PA.
 - Details can be found at <http://tcfhelps.org/about/servicearea.html>
- Officers who do not currently have their own vest.
- Officers who have an expired vest.
- Officers who must purchase their own vest.
- Officers who are partially funded.

Vest-A-Cop generally will not provide support to the following:

- Police Officers outside Delaware County, PA.
- An applicant from a department that does not apply for DOJ grant funding for vests.
 - If your community needs assistance with the completion of the DOJ grant application, please contact Vest-A-Cop as we have individuals available to help or visit www.ojp.gov/bvpbasi for more information on how and when to apply.
- An applicant who wears a current vest that will not be out of service for over 6 months from the date of your application.

Contact Vest-A-Cop

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