

# **Application for Funding**

# **Officer Information:**

Vest Applicant Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Applicant Home Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Applicant Gender	Cell Phone	E-mail
Current MPT # (issued by Commonwealth of PA)	MPT# Issue Date	MPT# Expiration Date
<b>Employment Information:</b>		
County of Employment	Department of Employment	Full/Part Time?
Department Address		
City	State	Zip Code



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EMAIL email@vestacop.com



Describe your job duties:	
Current Vest Information:	
Do you have a current bulletproof vest?	□ YES □ NO
If yes, who is the manufacturer?	What is the manufacturing date?
Is the vest expired? $\square$ YES $\square$ NO	
If the vest is expired, I agree to turn the expir God project. (Visit vestforlife.com for more i	red vest over to Vest-A-Cop for further donation to the Armor of information about this program.)
□ AGREE	□ DISAGREE
Superior Officer Information:	
Superior Officer Name	Superior Officer Phone Number
Superior Officer e-mail	



# **Request for Supporting Statement:**

s part of your application, submit a one paragraph supporting statement from your superior officer, borough anager, spouse, colleague, etc. describing your need for assistance in the purchase of a new tactical bulletoof vest.	



# 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	S □ NO	
Keep a current audit of all vests and	expiration dates?	☐ YES	S □ NO	
Provide current vests?		☐ YES	S □ NO	
Have a mandatory wear policy?		☐ YES	S □ NO	
Apply for the Department of Justice by the Vest Partnership Grant Act		□ YES	S □ NO	
If yes, what was the date of last application?	When are the expected		How many	y new vests are funded?
How were vests acquired?  ☐ Taxpayer	Funds 🔲 1	Fundraisin	g □ Oti	her
Applicant Certification and States	nent of Commitme	ent:		
If I/we are selected as a Vest-A-Cop	vest recipient, I/we	e agree to e	either:	
☐ Contribute 10% toward the cost of OR	of my vest so that for	unds can b	e used to benefit	another officer in the future
☐ Participate in a future Vest-A-Co	p fundraising event	t in a mean	ingful way.	
I further agree to wear my vest an	d care for my vest	in accord	ance with or be	tter than department



#### **Release from Liability**

The Community's 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. (enclosed)

### **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.

Signature of Applicant/Officer	Date

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



#### RELEASE & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

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The undersigned hereby accepts the distribution of the vest/equipment without warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, from TCF and will independently verify any warranty offered by the vest/equipment manufacturer.

The undersigned releases and discharges TCF from any and all claims related to the manufacture, sale or distribution of the vest/equipment and agrees to indemnify and hold TCF harmless for any damages, causes of action, demands, costs and expenses (including any and all legal costs incurred by TCF to enforce this Release and Indemnification) related to the acceptance of the vest/equipment by the undersigned.

For the purpose of this Agreement, TCF shall include all employees, agents, directors and successors of TCF and shall specifically include any and all "Vest-A-Cop Fund" volunteers involved in the distribution of vest/equipment.

Intending to be legally bound the undersign	ned executes thisday of, 20	_•
	(XYZ Police Department)	
Release and Indemnification Agreement accepted by The Community's Foundation with delivery of vest/equipment on thisday of, 201	(Print name)	
	(Signature)	



## **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 The Community's 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, with requests for additional information.

# **Application Review Process**

- Applications are:
  - o accepted from individuals, police departments or municipalities
  - o accepted on a rolling basis.
  - o 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.
  - o 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 <a href="http://ojp.gov/bvpbasi/">http://ojp.gov/bvpbasi/</a> 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:**

• By phone: 484-840-3621

• By e-mail: email@vestacop.com

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