



Application for Funding

Officer Information:

Vest Applicant Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Applicant Home Address

City	State	Zip Code
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Applicant Gender	Cell Phone	E-mail
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Current MPT # (issued by Commonwealth of PA)	MPT# Issue Date	MPT# Expiration Date
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Employment Information:

County of Employment	Department of Employment	Full/Part Time?
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Department Address

City	State	Zip Code
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P.O. Box 461
Ridley Park, PA 19078

PHONE 484-840-3621
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? YES NO

If the vest is expired, I agree to turn the expired vest over to Vest-A-Cop for further donation to the Armor of God project. (Visit vestforlife.com for more information about this program.)

AGREE DISAGREE

Superior Officer Information:

Superior Officer Name

Superior Officer Phone Number

Superior Officer e-mail



Request for Supporting Statement:

As part of your application, submit a one paragraph supporting statement from your superior officer, borough manager, spouse, colleague, etc. describing your need for assistance in the purchase of a new tactical bullet-proof 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 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:

- Contribute 10% toward the cost of my vest so that funds can be used to benefit another officer in the future
- OR
- 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. _____ (initial)



Release from Liability

“Vest-A-Cop Fund” 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. Vest-A-Cop has no knowledge of the standard of quality or design of the vest/equipment nor does Vest-A-Cop 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, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of me in connection with equipment purchased on my behalf. I authorize Vest-A-Cop, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that Vest-A-Cop 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.



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 Vest-A-Cop and will independently verify any warranty offered by the vest/equipment manufacturer.

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

For the purpose of this Agreement, Vest-A-Cop shall include all employees, agents, directors and successors of Vest-A-Cop 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 undersigned executes this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(XYZ Police Department)

(Print name)

(Signature)

Release and Indemnification Agreement accepted by Vest-A-Cop with delivery of vest/equipment on this ____ day of _____, 202____.



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, a federally recognized non-profit charitable 501(c)3 organization. The official registration and financial information of Vest-A-Cop 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:
 - 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 Delaware County, PA.
- 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 <http://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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