



## **Small, Rural, and Tribal Body Worn Camera Program (SRT BWC)**

### **Policy Review Process Webinar (February 23, 2022)**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

##### **Introduction**

During the Policy Review Process Webinar held on February 23, 2022, we received nearly 20 questions regarding the BWC policy submission process, the policy review process, and updates for waitlisted agencies.

We edited, condensed, and categorized the questions for ease of use.

##### **General Questions: When will the webinar be available on the website? Will slides be emailed to us?**

The webinar is now available on the SRT BWC website at [www.srtbwc.com/webinars/](http://www.srtbwc.com/webinars/). You can watch a recording of the webinar on the site and/or download a copy of the slides at the following link: [https://www.srtbwc.com/Webinars/#Policy\\_Review\\_Webinar](https://www.srtbwc.com/Webinars/#Policy_Review_Webinar).

The PowerPoint slides will not be emailed to you. We did not wish to flood your email boxes with attachments.

##### **Grants-related Questions:**

###### **Where do we submit our policy for review?**

If you received a grant award, you need to complete the policy review process and submit your BWC policy through your online grants portal. Once you log into your portal, you will see the form entitled “BWC Policy Review.” Please click on this form, and then you will be prompted to upload a copy of your BWC policy.

Once it is uploaded, members of the JSS team will begin the policy review process internally, and we will reach out to your agency if we have questions about your BWC policy. Once the policy has been verified, you will receive a confirmation email regarding the completion of the policy review process. This email will also include a certificate for your records.

You may not be able to access the “BWC Policy Review” form in your online grants portal. That is because we are finishing the review of your agency’s administrative paperwork. Because we are still reviewing the documents to generate your award package, you are not able to modify the documents or provide additional information at this time. If you would still like to submit your BWC policy now and begin the review process, you can email a copy of your policy to [info@srtbwc.com](mailto:info@srtbwc.com).



If you email your policy, please include on the subject line: BWC Policy. Within the email itself, please put your name and title and the name of your agency. An email response will be sent to you confirming receipt of the policy. Once we have received a copy of your BWC policy, we will upload the document into your online portal and then begin the policy review process.

**How long will the policy review process take once we submit our policy?**

At this time, we have received over 140 policies from awardees, and we are going through them as quickly as we can. We will notify you as soon as we have made decisions about the verifications of your policies.

**If my agency created a BWC policy using the *Policy Wizard*, do we have to submit the policy in our online grants portal?**

Yes. All BWC policies developed through the policy wizard must also be submitted through your online grants portal to begin the policy review process.

**If I am on the Waitlist, do I need to submit my BWC policy for review?**

No. If you are on the waitlist, please do **not** submit your policy at this time. We will contact you if we need your BWC policy.

For those interested in the Policy Wizard, it is now available for use on the website at: [www.srtbwc.com/policy-wizard](http://www.srtbwc.com/policy-wizard). If you need assistance using the Wizard please contact us at [info@srtbwc.com](mailto:info@srtbwc.com) or call our help line at (888) 235-0565.

**Specific Questions: The Waitlist**

We received several questions regarding if there were any updates for those agencies on the Waitlist.

As we mentioned, there are 708 applicants that are on the waitlist. Unfortunately, it appears that we will not receive enough funding to make awards for all of you on the list. Thus, we continue to review the list carefully to determine how many awards we can make. We anticipate that we will make final decisions on a rolling basis with all decisions made by March 31, 2022. Notifications of awards and decisions not to fund your agency will be sent to you by email over the next four weeks.

If you are on the waitlist, you do not need to do anything at this time. **Please be patient with us as we go through this process.** We will not be able to provide you with any additional information about the status of your waitlisted application until after March 31, 2022.

If you are selected for an award, you will follow the same process for grants that were awarded on December 29, 2021. You will receive instructions from us via email that will allow you to enter additional information (Phase II) into your password-protected portal.

As with the December awardees, your grant award will be effective on January 1, 2022. However, we strongly advise you **NOT** to sign contracts or purchase your cameras until you receive additional information from us.



If you are not selected for a grant award, you will be able to re-apply for future funding opportunities. Unfortunately, we cannot provide you with an exact date for the new solicitation because appropriations for the SRT BWC program have not been finalized. The online application kit will be similar to the one that we released last year with some changes based on our experiences and some of your comments.