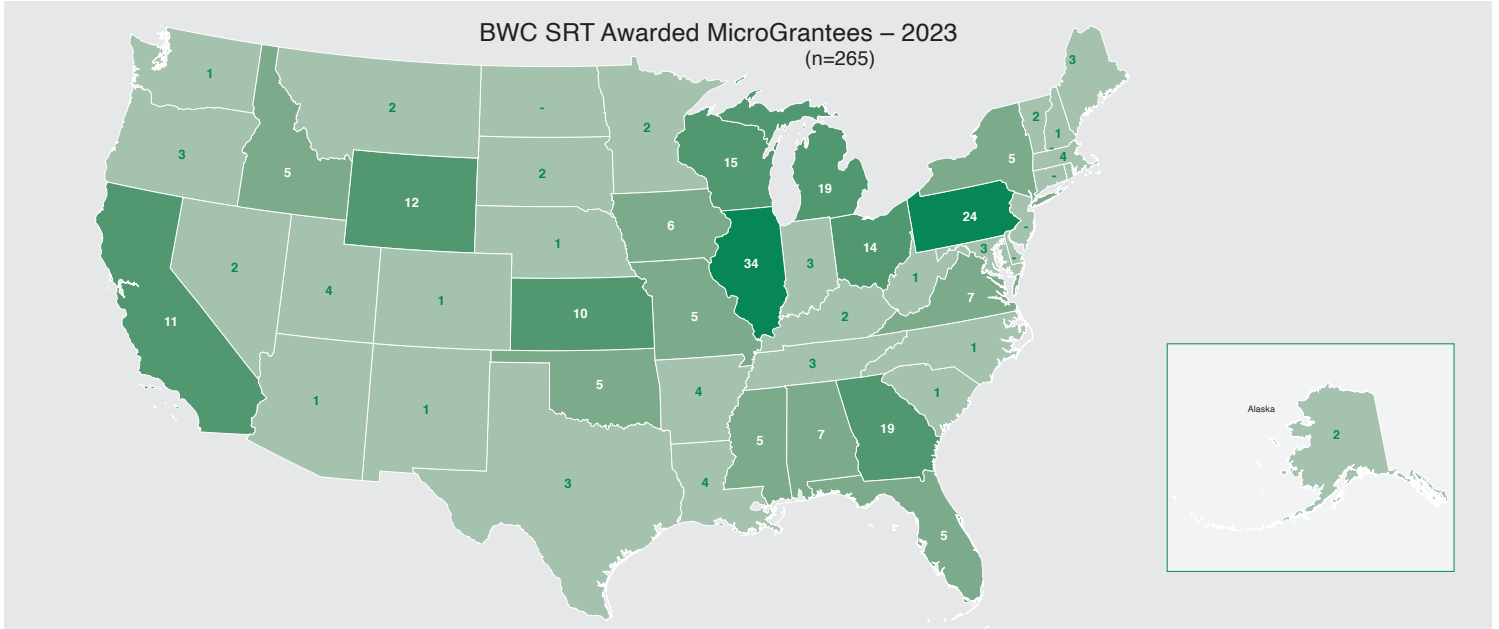




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BJA / JSS provide \$7.1 Million for BWCs

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Justice & Security Strategies (JSS) announced that they will award \$7.1 million to 265 small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies for body-worn cameras. The grantees include 186 small towns, 60 rural Sheriff and county police agencies, six tribes, and 12 other agencies across 44 states. These awards are in addition to the over \$10 million that was awarded in 2022 for BWCs to small, rural and tribal law enforcement agencies.

BJA Director Karhlton Moore said, “Body-worn cameras are a vital tool for law enforcement agencies to increase accountability and build trust with the communities they serve. This micro-grant program for small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies streamlines the federal grant process and provides agencies with the resources to purchase body-worn cameras for their law enforcement officers.”

JSS project director Dr. Shellie Solomon said, “We were able to fund approximately 40 percent of the applications from across the country, bringing the total number of agencies offered awards to over 686 agencies. We saw increased numbers of awards for 22 states including Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming over the prior years, demonstrating the widespread interest enhancing protection for both officers and citizens.”

BJA selected JSS to administer the grant program through a cooperative agreement. For more information about the program please visit: srtbwc.com.

A downloadable list of grant awardees is available [HERE](#).

ASK BOB



Do you have a question about BWCs? We created a new feature on the SRT website that allows you to ask questions and receive answers quickly. Bob Haas is ready to respond. He is one of our BWC resident experts and the former

Commissioner of the Cambridge (MA) Police Department.

Here’s an example of a question already sent in to Bob: *“Our officers are resistant to adopting body-worn cameras due to the extra workload. What can we do to help them see the benefits?”*

Click [HERE](#) to check it out and **ASK BOB a question.**



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