

2019-20 INVESTMENT FUNDS FULL APPLICATION ▶ #79

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

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Proposal Title	Body Cameras - University Police Department

A. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION**A-1. Describe the proposed project/initiative**

The University Police Department is seeking to provide body cameras for the officers of this Department. The majority of law enforcement not only across the country, but in Monroe County, have been equipped with body cameras for many years. Outfitting the officers of the University Police Department will assist with accurately recording interactions with any student, staff, or faculty member. Having body cameras will allow for a clear and transparent accounting of any and all interactions, traffic stops, etc. that may take place on the campus. The University Police Department respects the privacy of our campus community members and takes pains to balance the privacy against safety needs on campus. Cameras are a tool that will assist University Police in maintaining order and fostering a proper learning environment. Cameras protect campus community members by serving as deterrents to inappropriate action and police officers from false accusations. Objective evidence is key to law enforcement cases, but has not always been easy to obtain. With University Police equipped with body-worn cameras it will allow for unrestricted access to objective video and audio recordings to serve as unimpeachable eyewitness accounts. When an officer has video evidence of an incident, the likelihood of a false claim being filed greatly decreases. Body-worn cameras make every police officer accountable for their actions. In the event an officer does not follow protocol, evidence from body-worn cameras will form the basis for counseling and/or discipline as required. The ultimate goal is to enable police accountability to be as close to 100% as possible. Body-worn cameras allow for accurate documentation and the video and audio recordings can prove invaluable both for the Student Conduct Office and any court proceedings. The audio and video recordings will also enhance the ability of University Police to review probable cause for arrest, officer and suspect interaction, and evidence for investigative and prosecutorial purposes and to provide additional information for officer evaluation and training. Ultimately, the body-worn cameras will protect and enhance the safety and security of all campus community members, including University Police.

B. TYPE OF FUNDING**B-1. What type of funding have you been invited to apply for?**

Core Needs, Facilities & Alterations - to provide one-time temporary funds to support pressing unbudgeted or under-supported academic/operational/administrative needs, facilities and alterations, and initiatives that build long-term capacity, such as staff development, investment in infrastructure, and risk management initiatives.

B-2. Applications for Strategic Priorities funds must indicate which ONE of the following measures of success the project/initiative addresses:

C. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

C-1. Outline the ways in which the proposed project will contribute to the College Strategic Plan, and the specific Measure of Success you selected in question B-2.

Your narrative must:

- (1) Identify the measure of success you selected in question B-2 above, and**
 - (2) Be explicit in describing *how* the project contributes to that measure.**
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D. OBJECTIVES & ASSESSMENT MEASURES

Successful applications must include well-defined assessment plans that include clear measurable objectives and specify the measures/data that will be used to determine if each objective has been met.

D-1. Short-term Goals/Objectives:

What measurable goals or objectives do you hope to achieve with this project in the short-term, meaning within the one-year time frame for which funds are available (fiscal year 2019-20)?

1. Build on the professional image and trust between the campus community and University Police.
 2. Allow for accurate documentation of interactions between University Police and students, faculty, staff and visitors.
 3. Provide audio and video documentation as required by the Student Conduct Office or the courts.
 4. Assure Department members that their service is valued and that the College is invested in the continued upgrading and professionalism of the Department.
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D-2. In the previous question, you identified the measurable short-term objectives you hope to achieve with your project. For each objective listed, explain what measures or data you will use to determine if that goal has been met.

1. Feedback survey administered to the campus community as to their opinions and feelings as to the issues of image and trust with respect to University Police.
 2. Review of data with respect to the number of recordings and analysis of the outcomes of each of those incidents. What was the outcome: student conduct, court, resolved without formal process.
 3. Review of data with respect to the number of Student Conduct cases and court cases for which recordings were submitted. Analysis of those numbers with the ultimate outcome/verdict.
 4. Feedback survey from Department members as to their opinion on the use of body cameras and whether the body cameras have enhanced their ability to feel more confident and that the recordings assist them in more effective law enforcement and less ambiguity.
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D-3. Long-term Goals/Objectives:

What measurable long-term goals or objectives (if any) do you hope to achieve with this project in the long-term, meaning beyond the one-year time frame for which funds are available (fiscal year 2019-20)?

Ongoing accurate and complete documentation of all incidents.

Upgrade in professionalism within the University Police Department; members feeling valued as to the investment made in their profession.

E. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

E-1. Identify the specific activities to be funded from the Investment Fund along with an estimated timeline for implementation. All activities and expenditures must occur within the stated one-year period of fiscal year 2019-20.

In preparation for the award of funding, bids will be solicited from vendors for the purchase of body cameras. With the preliminary bid which University Police has received, we tentatively expect that Pro-Vision Video Systems in Grand Rapids, MI will be the chosen vendor. Once the funds are awarded (July 1, 2019), the vendor will be notified and the order will be placed. Implementation/placement of the body cameras will be accomplished as soon as the order can be filled by the vendor.

Ideally, University Police would like the use of body cameras by all officers in place by the start of the 2019-2020 academic year.

F. CONSULTATION & AUTHORIZATION FORMS

F-1. This proposal includes (check all that apply):

F-1b. Upload the signed Stipend Authorization Form here.

F-2. For requests involving technology. The Chief Information Officer (Bob Cushman or his designee) has reviewed this proposal.

Yes - please attach the signed Technology Consult Form in section F-4 of this form.

F-3. For requests involving alterations of facilities, the Vice President for Administration & Finance (Jim Wall or his designee) has reviewed this proposal.


Not Applicable

F-4. Upload the signed Technology and/or Facilities Consult Form(s) here.

 IF Technology Consult Form - UP Body Cameras.pdf

G. BUDGET

G-1. Upload your itemized budget here. Use the Excel Budget Spreadsheet sent to you in your notification email.

 Budget Template - Body Camera Project.xlsx

G-2. Total Amount Requested from Investment Funds

\$14290.00

G-3. Please provide a narrative explanation for your budget. Provide further detail than what is included in the spreadsheet and offer a justification for

expenses.

The attached bid from Pro-Vision Video Systems details the full and complete information regarding the purchase of body cameras. The bid includes 15 Body-Worn Cameras, 2 extra Rotating Garment Clips, 1 10-camera USB Docking Station, 1 year of SecurMax Cloud Plan for 15 body-worn cameras, 1 year hardware protection plan.

The SecurMax Cloud Plan is essential for this project. SecurMax provides absolute security with respect to the video and audio recordings. This is particularly important with respect to evidence management, which absolutely requires the utmost security. If the images and recordings were to be stored on the Brockport server, there is no guarantee of the absolute security of those video and audio recordings, particularly with respect to the rule of chain of evidence.

G-4. Does your budget include an application for an internal loan? No

G-5. Please explain why the proposed project cannot be self-funded from existing Department, School or Division resources.

The University Police Department budget is already stretched to the maximum and cannot accommodate the expenditure for the body camera project. The Department hopes to be able to ask for an increase in the yearly budget allocation to accommodate the ongoing cost of the SecurMax Cloud Plan. The EMSA divisional budget also is stretched and cannot accommodate this purchase. It is at the specific direction of Dr. Wilson that we are submitting this request.


H. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**H-1. Use this space to provide any additional information to assist in the review of the proposal.**

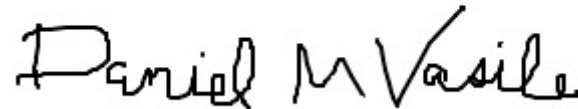
To assist the reviewers with respect to this proposal for body cameras, we are attaching two additional documents for your information. The first is the Body-Worn Camera Model Policy from the Division of Criminal Justice Services. The second is the draft of the State University Police Body Worn Camera Policy which the Chief's group is currently working on finalizing. We believe that a review of these documents will help to more clearly define the need for body cameras for the University Police Department.

Upload up to 3 supplemental files here.

 ProVision Body Camera Bid Proposal.pdf

 DCJS Body-Worn Camera Model Policy - September 2015.pdf

 State University Police - Draft of Body Worn Camera Policy - 9-2018.docx

Project Lead Signature

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