

# Project Abstract



## Part 1: Please identify the applicant point of contact (POC)

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## Part 2: Please identify the application

Application Information	
Solicitation Name	FY 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program
Project Title	Rochester Police Department Body-worn Camera Pilot Implementation Project
Proposed Start Date	10/1/15
Proposed End Date	9/30/17
Funding Amount Requested	\$600,000.00

## Part 3: Please identify the project location and applicant type

Project Location and Applicant Type	
Project Location (City, State)	Rochester, New York
Applicant Type (Tribal Nation, State, County, City, Nonprofit, Other)	City



## Part 4: Please provide a project abstract

Enter additional project abstract information. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, this information includes:

- Brief description of the problem to be addressed and target area and population
- Project goals and objectives
- Brief statement of project strategy or overall program
- Description of any significant partnerships
- Anticipated outcomes and major deliverables

Text should be single spaced; do not exceed 400 words.

### Project Abstract

The City of Rochester, New York, has a diverse population of 210,358. Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren has made improvement of police-community relations a top priority through an aggressive community-oriented policing program, of which our Body-Worn Camera (BWC) initiative is a key component. There is broad-based community support for this initiative, as evidenced by a Telephone Town Hall poll, a City Council survey, and statements of support from various community organizations. The City has already taken significant steps to plan for a BWC program, including extensive research on equipment, data management, policies, and community involvement.

The City's goals are:

- Deploy BWCs to officers who regularly interact with the public in enforcement capacities.
- Improve high quality public service; and promote the perceived legitimacy, sense of fairness, and procedural justice the community has about RPD.
- Improve management of digital multi-media evidence (DME), to ensure identification, retention, accessibility of DME that is relevant to enforcement activities, and the conduct of RPD officers.
- Incorporate the BWC program into RPD's policy and training development.
- Implement strong policies to ensure proper and credible use of BWCs.
- Establish a continuing BWC program that remains technologically current and financially sustainable.

RPD is utilizing sound project management principles and a phased-in approach that has proven successful in implementing several major City projects and initiatives.

RPD will effectively utilize partnerships to ensure success. This includes critical departments within the City representing information technology, budget, and law. It also includes external partnerships with the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, and Civilian Review Board. Most significantly, it includes a strong partnership with the community, as represented by a variety of community and neighborhood organizations.

The deliverables for RPD's BWC program include:

- Deployment of BWCs to RPD officers.
- A current and reliable digital technology infrastructure.
- A strong policy and an ongoing training program for BWC use.
- An intensive and independent program evaluation.
- A broad communications program to solicit the public input on use of BWCs, and solicit ongoing community input.

Successful implementation of the BWC program will result in an excellent pilot program that can be emulated by other jurisdictions. It will also produce positive outcomes for Rochester, including the project goals noted above. Moreover, RPD's responsiveness to the community in making this program a reality will enhance our improving police-community partnership as we move forward.




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**Permission not granted**

**Permission granted (Fill in authorized official consent below.)**

On behalf of the applicant named above, I consent to the information in the project abstract above (including contact information) being made public, at the discretion of OJP consistent with applicable policies. I understand that this consent is only necessary to the extent that my application is unfunded; information submitted in an application that is funded (including this abstract) is always releasable to the public consistent with FOIA rules. I certify that have the authority to provide this consent.

Authorized Official (AO) Consent	
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**Note:** This document is to be submitted as a separate attachment with a file name that contains the words "Project Abstract."

