

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET



Trustee Meeting Date:	Agenda Item Type:
October 13, 2026	Business Item
Submitted By:	
Colonel Brian Rebholz, Chief of Police	

Motion:
Motion to authorize Township Administrator to accept the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Program grant if awarded

Background:
The Office of Criminal Justice Services, State of Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program grant is aimed at providing public law enforcement agencies funding for implementing or expanding previously implemented body-worn camera programs. Law enforcement agencies are increasingly using body-worn cameras to serve a multitude of functions: to improve evidence collection, to train officers, to strengthen officer performance and accountability, to enhance agency transparency, and to document and investigate encounters between police and the public. In 2021, at the request of Governor Mike DeWine, \$10 million was set aside in the state budget to help outfit law enforcement officers across the state with body cameras, in an effort to achieve Governor DeWine’s goal “that most, if not all, law enforcement agencies in the state will establish a body camera program with the help of this grant funding.” If awarded funding, the grant would assist in offsetting the costs associated with the Township’s current body-worn camera program. Thank you for your consideration.

Finance	Budgeted Item:	N/A;		
	CIP #:			
	TIF Info:			
	Purchase Req. #:		Total Encumbrance:	\$.00

From: [Angela Sousa](#)
To: [Matt Beiser](#)
Subject: FW: OCJS Now Accepting Applications for Law Enforcement Body-Worn Cameras
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 1:41:57 PM

From: OCJS Media Release <OCJSMediaRelease@info.dps.ohio.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Angela Sousa <asousa@WestChesterOH.Org>
Subject: OCJS Now Accepting Applications for Law Enforcement Body-Worn Cameras

OCJS New Release



For Immediate Release: **September 1, 2026**

OCJS Now Accepting Applications for Law Enforcement Body-Worn Cameras

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) announced today that \$5 million in grant funding is available to help local law enforcement agencies invest in body camera equipment and pay for associated expenses.

OCJS today opened the [application](#) period for the sixth round of the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. Governor Mike DeWine launched the program in 2021 to assist local law enforcement agencies with costs related to camera equipment, video storage, editing software, public record management, maintenance, and more.

To date, nearly \$24 million has been awarded to over 400 local agencies as part of the program.

A [webinar](#) for the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program will be held by OCJS

on Sept. 15 from 10-11:30 a.m. The training webinar is not mandatory but will provide helpful information on both application preparation and the review process. Applicants must submit proposals online through the grants [portal](#) by 5 p.m. on Oct. 7.

The Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program is funded with support from the Ohio General Assembly through the operating budget and is part of Governor DeWine's ongoing efforts to assist Ohio's law enforcement agencies in providing transparency and protecting the public.

For additional details, visit the OCJS website at: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/>.

OCJS is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. By statute, OCJS is the lead justice planning and assistance office for the state, administering millions of dollars in state and federal criminal justice funding every year. OCJS also evaluates programs and products, develops training, resources, and best practices for criminal justice professionals and communities.

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