



## The NCACC County Risk Group (CRG) Vest Grant Soft Body Armor Reimbursement Program

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners/County Risk Group (CRG) Soft Body Armor Reimbursement Program was established January 1, 2018. This program provides reimbursement for the purchase of body armor for deputies and county EMS staff, which is only available to **members** of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Workers Compensation Insurance Pool.

Qualified Sheriff's Offices and EMS Departments are eligible for reimbursement for a maximum of three (3) ballistic vests per fiscal year. The program will reimburse members up to 100% of the cost of police body armor, subject to a maximum of 500.00 per garment, until funds are exhausted and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Once the annual budgeted dollars have been exhausted for the fiscal year, you will have to wait until the next budget cycle and then reapply.

**IMPORTANT:** FY-July through December, the program is restricted to the first-time purchase of soft body armor. Replacement garments may ONLY be purchased after December 31<sup>st</sup> and through June 30, if funds are still available.

### REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- *Each participating county must have one member of its Sheriff's Office or EMS trained in the selection, use and maintenance of body armor. EMS agencies may partner with their respective Sheriff's Office for assistance.*
- *Each Sheriff's Office must establish a written policy mandating the use of body armor and implement a constructive enforcement program to require officers to wear their soft body armor while on duty. An official copy of this policy must be submitted with the application -OR -*
- *Each EMS Department must establish a written policy that mandates wear of body armor when responding to a tactical call or to render assistance in a high-risk situation.*
- *Purchased garments must provide, at minimum, front and back protection and be National Institute of Justice certified.*

### TO QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT, EACH MEMBER MUST:

- Complete and submit the Soft Body Armor application, a copy of the department's body armor mandatory wear policy, and a copy of the purchase order or invoice.
- Indicate on the Soft Body Armor application whether first time purchases for specific officers, or for replacement purchases-if after December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Email the completed application and documents to: Risk Services at [rmp@ncacc.org](mailto:rmp@ncacc.org)

### SPECIAL NOTES:

If you are interested in donating a vest, please visit *Vests for Life* at <http://www.aphf.org/vests.html>.

**FOR SHERIFF OFFICES:** The Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998 has been reauthorized. For those already receiving this funding, the enrollment period will begin May 14<sup>th</sup> and end six weeks after receipt of the enrollment application. First time applications are accepted from April 1<sup>st</sup> through May.

For more information you can email: [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov) and express your interest in the program. Give the name of your county, how officers are paid and how many officers. You can also call the Support Desk at 1-877-758-3787

## SOFT BODY ARMOR APPLICATION/ NCACC FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address for Payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### MANDATORY FIELD

☐ First Time Purchase Vest    ☐ Replacement Vest (For January – June submission only)

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	VENDOR	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	RMS USE ONLY
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**Reimbursement is limited to 100 % of individual vest cost (\$500/vest maximum) and up to 3 vests per fiscal year.**

*I understand that I must be a current member of the NCACC Workers' Compensation Insurance program.*

Form Completed By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sheriff / EMS Director Signature

**Email completed application, copy of invoice, and mandatory use policy to the attention of Risk Services:**  
[rmp@ncacc.org](mailto:rmp@ncacc.org) or [bob.carruth@ncacc.org](mailto:bob.carruth@ncacc.org)