

## Chief D. Ackermann

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**From:** Chief D. Ackermann  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Anthony Suarez; Kristine Morieko; Mary Barchetto; Lenora Benjamin  
**Cc:** Sgt. S. McGovern; Lt. C. McInerney; Lt. F. Riggio  
**Subject:** RE: State Body Camera Grant

Anthony,

Sgt. Mc Govern – who has managed our dash-cam program and will be our project director for body-cams – and I were on the webinar. I am confident that we should have the application submitted well in advance of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We have already conducted extensive research of BWC and storage solutions (which is actually the more costly and complicated issue) – we will be going with the Axon product which is clearly the leader in the industry. They are working up the final numbers on their quote for us.

While the A.G. has not yet release the updated Body Camera Directive, required by the legislation, we are told that it should be out within the next month or so. If that is the case our consultants, The Rodgers Group, should be able to assist us with a department policy and online training in plenty of time. Practical hands-on training with the equipment is provided by Axon as part of the purchase price.

Once we have the application finalized I am going to forward to both yourself and our grant writer to proof read before we send it in.

I doubt that any agency in the state will have their body camera program up and running for June 1<sup>st</sup> – I also expect that there will be I.T. integration issues when we go to set the system up. Hopefully our leaders in Trenton recognize that the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is an unrealistic expectation. In speaking with both the vendors and the few Chiefs who already have body camera programs we are most likely looking at 3 to 6 months from delivery before the body cameras are fully operational and personnel have sufficient training and hands on experience to use them properly. With that said, I do not feel that we will have any issue demonstrating a steady implementation process. Barring any deliver delays or major I.T. integration issue, I would hope to being deploying body cameras in the field by sometime in September/October.

I will keep you posted.

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Chief, did you already attend the AG webinar this week? It looks like you should apply before April 30 and I think if we are moving at a steady pace to secure the grant and the equipment we would be able to justify any of the milestones that may be difficult for the Township to meet.

Anthony Suarez

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**Subject:** State Body Camera Grant

Good Afternoon All,

This afternoon I received the guidelines and application for the state body camera grant, but there is no indication of how much funding Glen Rock will be eligible for. Next week I have a webinar with the AG's Office to go over the application process. I hope to learn more then.

Once the final work is done both the Mayor and CFO will need to sign off on the grant application as well. The application is due no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> – If I have enough information next week my intention is to have it submitted next week or the beginning of the week after.

The information contained states we will be notified of awards on or about June 1, 2021. But the information states that we should be operable by June 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of whether or not the agency receives this, or other, funding for BWCs. I am a little lost as to how I can order equipment before I know how much we are getting in funding. Further, even if I ordered the equipment today, it is doubtful that we would have it delivered and operational by July 1<sup>st</sup>, no less June 1<sup>st</sup>. To this end, I have copied Anthony and I am seeking is interpretation and advice.

As far as the equipment is concerned, we have done our research and will be ready to place an order once we know what funding will be available.

All of the Chiefs are asking the same questions I am and the BCPO has agreed to seek answers for us, but our scheduled meeting was postponed on short notice. When that meeting takes place, I will let you know what I find out.

Dean

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