

Body Camera Grant Allocations

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Issue

Provide an overview of the general obligation (GO) bonds authorized and allocated for the body-worn recording equipment grant program.

Summary

State law requires the Office of Policy and Management to administer a grant program, within available appropriations, that reimburses municipalities for their purchases of body-worn recording equipment (i.e., body cameras) and other law enforcement recording equipment and services ([CGS § 7-277b](#)).

Toward that end, the legislature authorized GO bonds of up to \$12 million for grants-in-aid for police body camera equipment and storage. Of this amount, \$2 million was reserved for the state police ([PA 15-1](#), June Special Session, § 13, as amended by [PA 16-4](#), May Special Session, § 202). To date, the state has allocated \$8,216,519 of the \$12 million, leaving \$3,783,481 in authorized bond funding.

Fund Allocations

According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the state has issued six allocations from the fund. The allocations are as follows:

1. \$2 million to the state police in March 2016;
2. \$870,310 to nine municipal and two university police departments in February 2017;
3. \$1,768,525 to 12 municipal and two university police departments in November 2017;
4. \$429,634 to six municipal police departments in June 2018;

5. \$514,940 to nine municipal police departments in December 2018; and
6. \$2,633,110 to seven municipal police departments in April 2019.

Tables 1 to 5 provide a detailed breakdown of fund allocations to municipalities since 2017.

Table 1: February 2017 Allocations

<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Branford	\$62,139
Coventry	16,014
East Haven	57,206
Hamden	297,800
Naugatuck	23,928
Orange	52,289
Plainfield	78,178
Redding	28,830
Southern Connecticut State University	56,968
University of Connecticut	171,063
Vernon	25,895
Total	870,310

Table 2: November 2017 Allocations

<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bloomfield	\$98,061
Darien	87,142
Eastern Connecticut State University	33,763
Groton	98,998
Middlebury	37,463
Milford	222,726
Naugatuck	27,399
New Haven	790,421
North Haven	84,025
Orange	27,725
Putnam	47,778
Western Connecticut State University	26,733
Wilton	153,732
Wolcott	32,559
Total	1,768,525

Table 3: June 2018 Allocations

<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Cheshire	\$122,962
Monroe	96,225
Southbury	10,000
Stratford	66,550
Torrington	125,724
Woodbridge	8,173
Total	429,634

Table 4: December 2018 Allocations

<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Coventry	\$36,039
Easton	48,955
Glastonbury	126,627
Ledyard	83,155
North Branford	34,646
Orange	18,062
Stratford	20,347
Watertown	36,256
Wethersfield	110,853
Total	514,940

Table 5: April 2019 Allocations

<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bridgeport	\$1,150,449
Fairfield	742,224
Hartford	360,251
Newtown	69,434
Norwalk	204,488
Old Saybrook	56,639
Putnam	49,625
Total	2,633,110

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