

# March DCVC Auditing EBlast!

## Approved Guidelines for Expenditures of Monies Collected for Crime Victim Service in Municipalities and Counties

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Hello!

Spring is fast approaching and we wanted to share some information with you.

Recently, the Victim Services Coordinating Council approved the use of Act 141 funds to purchase Bullet Resistant Vests for Sworn and Civilian LEVAs. The guidelines are as follows:

1. The final decision to purchase bullet resistant vests using Act 141 funds rests with the county sheriff or chief of police, following the local unit of government's normal fiscal approval process.
2. Both Sworn and Civilian Law Enforcement Victim Advocates are eligible for vests funded with Act 141 revenue, subject to the conditions below.
3. Act 141 funds may not be used to purchase vests if they would supplant existing local funding previously used for this purpose.
4. If vests are purchased, they must be:
  - a. Gender specific;
  - b. Individually sized to the wearer;
  - c. Be rated at Threat Level II or III but not be of "tactical" or special operations grade;
  - d. Must be new purchases, not used, and a brand approved under current FBI standards;
  - e. Used within their manufacturer's certification dates and then replaced; and
  - f. Use of the vests by either Sworn or Civilian LEVAs must conform to individual agency policy regarding the circumstances of use.

Please note: for more information about the use of Act 141 Victim Assistance Fines, Fees and Assessment, see our website at: <http://www.sova.sc.gov/audit.html>

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