CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) GRANT PROGRAM

$850 MILLION AVAILABLE

APPLY BY MAY 29, 2020

GRANT OVERVIEW
The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program will provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

COST SHARING OR MATCH REQUIREMENT
The CESF Program does not require matching funds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
> States, U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments that were identified as eligible for funding under the FY 2019 State and Local JAG Program are eligible to apply under the CESF Program solicitation.

> The term “States” includes the 50 States and the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Marian Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa (56 jurisdictions).

Note: Only the State Administering Agency (SAA) that applied for FY 2019 JAG funding for a state/territory may apply for the state allocation of CESF funding. A list of SAAs may be found at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/state-administering-agencies/overview.

> The term “units of local government” includes towns, townships, villages, parishes, cities, counties, boroughs, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribal government that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). A unit of local government may also be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes.

ALLOCATIONS
> A list of the State allocation amounts may be found at https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/fy20-cesf-state-allocations.pdf

> A list of the Local allocation amounts may be found at https://bja.ojp.gov/program/fy20-cesf-allocations

PERMISSIBLE USES OF FUNDS
> Funds awarded under the CESF Program must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

> Expenditures that require prior approval: There are no specific prohibitions under the CESF Program other than the unallowable costs that are identified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide; however, the following items should be identified during application and appropriately justified as noted:

  • Individual items costing $500,000 or more should be identified and thoroughly justified by the grantee and receive written prior approval from BJA post-award through the submission and approval of a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN). Costs must be reasonable to receive approval.

  • Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Unmanned Aircraft (UA), and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) require approval from the Federal Aviation Administration as outlined at https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=22615. Documentation related to these purchases should be included with the application or the applicant must receive written prior approval from BJA post-award through the submission and approval of a GAN.

> Draw-down: Consistent with the CESF Program’s purposes, funds may be drawn down either in advance or on a reimbursable basis. Unless a specific exception exists, funds drawn down in advance must be placed in a specific interest-bearing account for the CESF Program funds. No match is required for this grant.
Supplanting Prohibition: Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available.

Performance Period: 2 years, with an opportunity for a one-time, up to 12-month extension. The start date for the grant will be retroactive to January 1, 2020, subject to the supplanting prohibition.

L3HARRIS EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS
In addition to the personal protective equipment, communications equipment is available from L3Harris for COVID-19 response teams including P25 radios and accessories made for first responders. Response teams can also extend communications by adding LTE and BeOn connectivity software.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND HOW TO APPLY
All registrations and applications are due by May 29, 2020, 11:59 p.m. eastern time, but applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as awards will be made on a rolling basis.

Applicants must register in the Grants Management System (GMS) at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/ before applying.

An applicant must submit its application through GMS, which provides support for the application, award, and management of awards at OJP. Find information, registration, and submission steps on how to apply in GMS in response to this solicitation under the How to Apply (GMS) section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide at https://www.ojp.gov/#howToApplyGMS

WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION
> Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
> Intergovernmental Review: In certain States, the Application may be subject to review by the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC).
> Program Narrative: Must describe the specific coronavirus prevention, preparation, and/or response efforts that will be addressed and include a summary of the types of projects or items that will be funded over the 2-year grant period.
> Budget Detail Worksheet: See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide for details on this worksheet and associated documentation.
> Budget Narrative: Must include a full description of all costs, including administrative costs or indirect costs (if applicable).
> Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
> Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
> Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

DOCUMENTS TO HELP
> The CESF Solicitation may be found at https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-18553.pdf
> The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide may be found at https://www.ojp.gov/microsite-subpage/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide
> For additional information, see the “How to Apply (GMS)” section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide at https://www.ojp.gov/#howToApplyGMS
> A webinar on the CESF program may be found on the IACP COVID-19 Information page at https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/law-enforcement-information-on-covid-19

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
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