

FAQ: The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act. CARES is a \$2 trillion economic stimulus bill with provisions for individuals, non-profit organizations, large and small businesses, hospitals and healthcare facilities, and state, local and tribal governments.

Leveraging the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program to Improve Information- and Data-Sharing

Introduction

As part of the \$2 trillion CARES Act, \$850 million has been set aside for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program. The program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance, is designed to help communities prepare for, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 public-health crisis.

CESF Program Eligibility

State, local and tribal governments that received a direct allocation of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds in fiscal year 2019 are eligible to apply for the non-competitive CESF grant opportunity.

Using CESF Program Funds

Funds that are awarded as part of the CESF Program must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to granting agencies additional funds for overtime, hiring and medical

equipment, the program also allows for initiatives to address the medical needs of inmates in state, local and tribal corrections and detention centers. This includes improvement of information- and data-sharing initiatives to ensure the secure exchange of health information between the corrections system and the healthcare community, ultimately helping to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on communities by supporting:

-  Management and monitoring of inmate population health
-  Maintenance of electronic health records during in-custody stays
-  Diagnosis reporting from the corrections system to state and local health departments
-  Continuity-of-care planning upon reentry into the community

Applying for CESF Program Funds

The deadline to submit CESF Program applications is 11:59 p.m. Eastern on May 29, 2020. Eligible state, local, and tribal governments must register in the OJP Grants Management System (GMS) prior to applying. Applicants that already are registered in the GMS must reregister in advance of submitting an application.

Additional information regarding eligibility and the application process is available through the OJP.

How MCP Can Help

MCP offers services and solutions to support government organizations as they respond to the coronavirus pandemic. With ample experience navigating the justice grant process as former state and local practitioners, and more than 18 years of supporting criminal-justice organizations, we are prepared to support you through this and other new funding opportunities, from application through funding and beyond.

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Additional resources to support your agency during the COVID-19 pandemic are available at
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