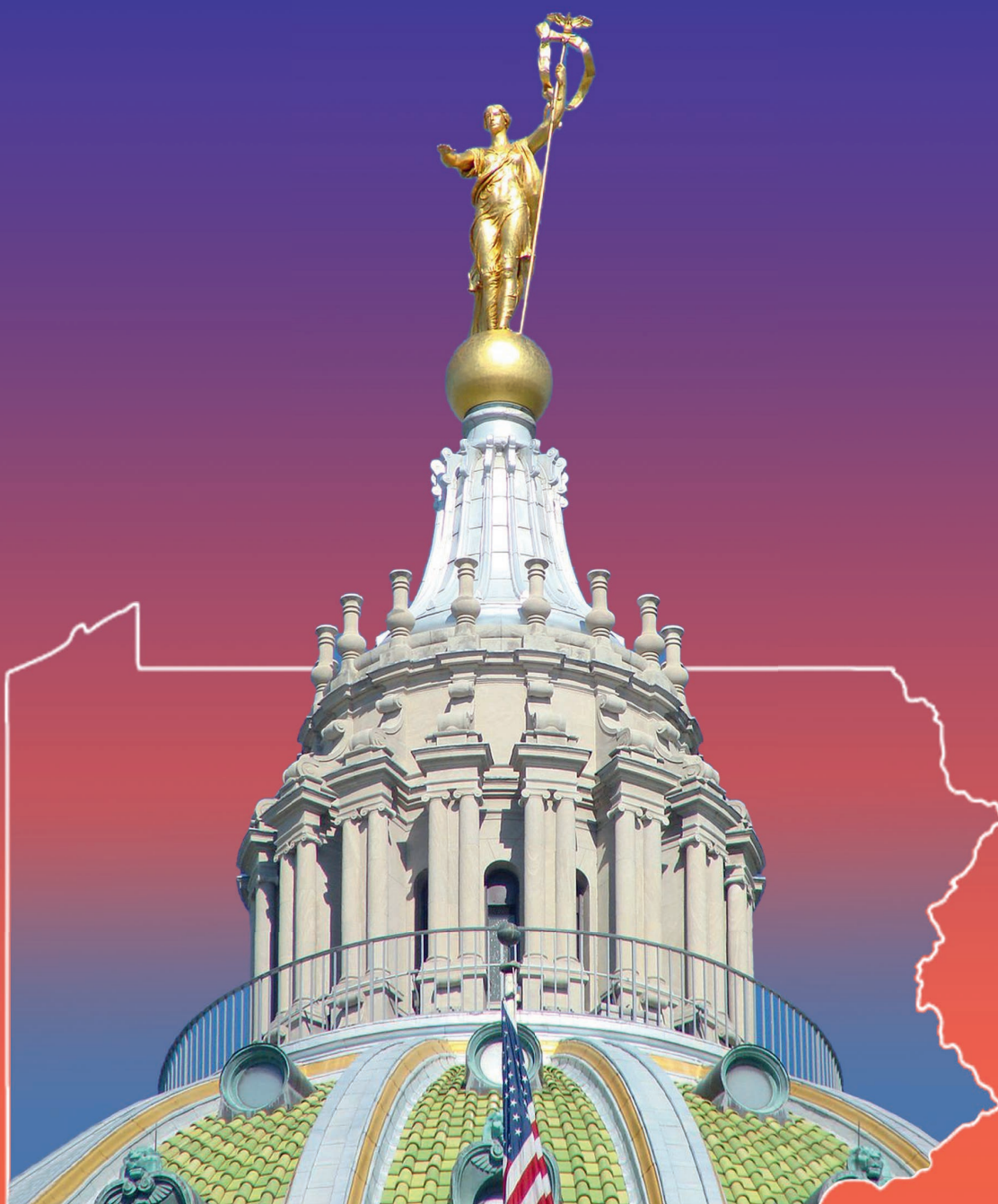


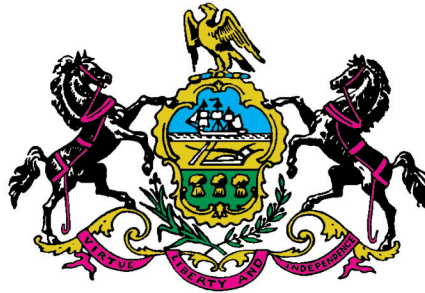


# Pennsylvania First Responders **Funding & Resource Guide**

*A Guidebook for First Responders & Community Leaders*



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Inside this directory you will find information regarding state, federal and foundation grants and programs available to local governments, non-profits and first responders. Additional information is available by visiting the individual department websites and [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Program availability is confirmed at print time. However, grant and loan programs may and do change in a fiscal year with little notice. It is strongly recommended that applicants check websites and contact the Department or Bureau prior to the application window for current dates and funding status.

# Sample Grant Description

- school personnel, and students.
- The development and implementation of anonymous reporting systems for threats, including mobile telephone threat and deployment of threat assessment teams.
  - The development of school threat assessment and response plans that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel.
  - Specialized training for school officials responding to mental health crises.

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# Construction

*The following programs will aid in construction, building rehabilitation, structure expansions and related expenses. You will find grants from the State Fire Commissioners Office, PA Department of Community and Economic Development and the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development.*

**Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grants (FCEMSGP)** (OSFC) - The FCEMSGP provides grants for volunteer and career fire, emergency medical services and rescue companies.

The FCEMSGP makes an annual grant program available for volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services and rescue squads. The program provides grant eligibility information and makes an on-line grant application available for all eligible applicants. Eligible organizations may apply for funding for a combination of up to two projects in the following categories: facilities, equipment, debt reduction, training and certification of its members, training and education of the general public. Career departments only may also apply for overtime costs associated with backfilling positions while firefighters are attending training.

Based on applicant and project criteria, staff reviews and approves or disapproves all applications, processes signed grant agreements and authorizes dispersal of grant funds. Final grant reports are reviewed for compliance with project description and program guidelines.

**Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide** (State-DCED) - The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization. Projects must be in the public interest that improve the quality of life in the community. Projects must have a \$25,000 minimum and shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

#### *Eligible Applicants*

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Municipal Authorities
- Economic Development Agencies
- Redevelopment Authorities

#### *Eligible Uses of Funds*

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment
- Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects.

**Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program** (State-OSFC) - The General Assembly established this loan on July 15, 1976, with Act 208. They provide loans at a fixed 2% interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment. Since its inception, the program has approved more than \$489 million in loans for the commonwealth's volunteer emergency services community. Forms and informational materials are available to interested organizations. Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) staff provides technical assistance and regulatory guidance to applicants; receives, analyzes and approves loan applications; supplies loan closing services; maintains financial and historical files and services all accounts until they are closed.



**Rural Development Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program** (Fed-USDA-RD) - This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business.

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data are eligible for this program.

#### *How may funds be used?*

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and to pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities;

- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements;
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing;
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment;
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools;
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment; and
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses.

For a complete list see Code of Federal Regulations 7 CFR, Part 1942.17(d) for loans; 7 CFR, Part 3570.62 for grants.

*What kinds of funding are available?*

- Low interest direct loans;
- Grants; and
- A combination of the two above, as well as our loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

*What are the funding priorities?*

- Priority point system based on population and median household income;
- Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less; and
- Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

(State-DCED) – CDBG was enacted by the federal government in 1974. Today, it provides annual grants to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development that are further allocated on a formula basis to approximately 200 local governments within Pennsylvania.

The CDBG funds enable communities to effectively address local community development needs, such as infrastructure, housing, and community facilities. It also provides federal funds to develop viable communities through the provision of housing improvements and building suitable living environments, expand economic opportunities geared to low- and moderate-income individuals, and improve critical community health and welfare infrastructure.

There are two program components for eligible applicants.

1. Annual funding to designated municipalities through the state entitlement program, which includes counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships in rural and nonmetropolitan areas of Pennsylvania.

2. Project funding available to eligible local governments through the competitive program set aside for critical infrastructure or revitalization projects.

The CDBG can be used for:

Housing rehabilitation, streets and sidewalks, public services, economic development, community facilities, planning, and infrastructure improvement (water, sewer, storm water).

*Seventy percent of each entitlement grant must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Please refer to the program guidelines at [dced.pa.gov/cdbg](http://dced.pa.gov/cdbg) for more details.*

### **Municipal Fire Department Capital Grants**

(State-DCED) - The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization. Projects must be in the public interest that improve the quality of life in the community. Projects must have a \$25,000 minimum and shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

*Eligible expense categories:*

- Establishing/modernizing facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles.
- Acquiring/renovating existing structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles; or constructing/modernizing facilities.
- Repairing/purchasing firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment to provide proper and adequate training.

### **Emergency Training Center Capital Grants**

This program provides funding for emergency service training providers.

*Eligible recipients include:*

- • Emergency services training centers
- Community colleges
- County-owned facilities
- Municipal or fire department-owned facilities
- Nonprofit, countywide associations

## **Chapter Acronyms**

**DCED** – Department of Community and Economic Development

**OSFC** – Office of the State Fire Commissioner

**RD** – Rural Development

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture

# Education, Training & Research

*Below you will find funding sources for education, training and research. These programs can help alleviate the financial burden of costly certifications and related expenditures.  
Research and data is the root of all successful grant applications.*

## **Fire Company & Emergency Medical Service Grants**

(State-OSFC) - Eligible organizations may apply for grant funding for a combination of up to two projects in the following categories:

- Facilities - Construction and/or renovation of the fire company's or ambulance service's facility and purchase or repair of fixtures and furnishings necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the company to provide fire, ambulance and rescue services.
- Equipment - Purchase or repair of firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment. This includes the purchase of fuel for company vehicles.
- Debt Reduction - Debt reduction associated with the facility (1) or equipment (2) categories above.
- Training - Training and certification of members.
- Training and Education - Materials regarding fire prevention for the general public.
- Career Departments Only - Overtime costs associated with backfilling positions while firefighters are attending training.

## **Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Fund Grant Program (UGWF)**

(State-OSFC) - Fire companies, rescue companies and emergency medical services throughout the 40 counties in which unconventional gas wells are located, or counties that directly border those counties, are eligible to apply for the grants.

Eligible projects in accordance with the 2020 UGWF Grant Program provided by Act 13 of 2012, include development, delivery and sustainment of training, professional certification or the acquisition of specialized equipment for emergency responses relating to natural gas production from unconventional gas wells.

Eligible projects:

- Obtaining professional national certification of members;
- Purchase of firefighting, emergency medical, rescue or air monitoring equipment used at or related to an unconventional gas well pad incident on, or related to, an unconventional gas well pad. All equipment purchased through the program will also include training on the equipment provided by the PSFA at no additional costs to the grant recipient(s); and
- Training classes and required educational materials to prepare for incidents at an unconventional gas well pad incident or related to the unconventional gas industry.

If a grant-eligible entity is not currently compliant with this Act 13 grant program or the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program (FCEMSGP); is delinquent in loan payments to the Pennsylvania Emergency Services Loan Assistance Fund (ESLAP); or is not reporting to the Pennsylvania Fire Information Reporting System (PennFIRS); then the entity is not eligible to apply for this 2020 Act 13 grant program.

**Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant** (State-DCNR) - This grant provides financial, technical, and other assistance to State Foresters in cooperative efforts to organize, train and equip local forces in rural areas or communities under 10,000 population to prevent, control and suppress fires which threaten human life, livestock, wildlife, crops, pastures, orchards, woodlands, farmsteads, or other improvements in rural areas. The key objectives of this program are to save lives and protect property in unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas.



## **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**

(Fed-FEMA) - The AFG program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical training and equipment. The AFG Program represents one part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, the AFG Program supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. In awarding grants, the Administrator of FEMA is required to consider the following:

- The findings and recommendations of the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP);



- The degree to which an award will reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage by reducing the risks associated with fire related and other hazards;
- The extent of an applicant's need for an AFG grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole; and
- The number of calls requesting or requiring a firefighting or emergency medical response received by an applicant.

**Fire Prevention & Safety Grants (FP&S) (Fed-FEMA) -**

The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations.

**Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) (Fed-FEMA) -** The UASI Program assists high-threat, high-density urban areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The UASI program is intended to provide financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to assist these areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism using the Whole Community Approach.

**Law Enforcement Mental Health & Wellness Act (LEMHWA) (Fed-DOJ-COPS) -**

The LEMHWA was signed into law in January 2018, recognizing that law enforcement agencies need and deserve support in their ongoing efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of their employees. Good mental and psychological health is just as essential as good physical health for law enforcement officers to be effective in keeping our country and our communities safe from crime and violence.

**Community Policing Development Program (CDP)**

*Crisis Intervention Teams-* The CPD – Promoting Access to Crisis Teams solicitation (formerly known as Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams) will provide grants directly to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies for the creation or expansion of crisis intervention teams and to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement agencies so they can better respond to individuals in crisis in the community.

*De-Escalation Training Solicitation-* Law enforcement use of force has long been a topic of national and local discussion, especially when a high-profile case heightens community awareness. The concept of de-escalation has been a part of law enforcement use of force discussions for decades. De-escalation refers to the range of verbal and nonverbal skills used to slow down the sequence of events, enhance situational awareness, conduct proper threat assessments, and allow for better decision-making to reduce the likelihood that a situation will escalate into a physical confrontation or injury and to ensure the safest possible outcomes.

*Accreditation-* Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation program funds will be used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement effective practices, outcomes, and strategies to prevent crime and promote safe communities.

*Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Online Training-* Law enforcement can rarely solve significant crime and disorder problems alone, and stakeholder engagement is critical to success. A key mechanism to ensuring improved trust and effective engagement is providing high quality, interactive training for law enforcement on police-community interactions. Law enforcement training on tolerance, anti-bias, diversity, and cultural awareness will help law enforcement agencies improve community engagement, increase trust, and enhance collaborative problem-solving efforts. Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training - Community Policing Development Solicitation has one open solicitation, with two subcategories:

- Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training
- Tribal Cultural Awareness Training and Technical Assistance

**Prepping for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)**

(Fed-DOJ-COPS) - PASS funds are used to increase law enforcement and public safety by providing funds for scenario-based training that prepares officers and other first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threats. The 2020 PASS program will fund projects that will provide training to meet the goal of the 2016 Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act in offering “scenario-based, integrated response courses designed to counter active shooter threats or acts of terrorism against individuals or facilities.”

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

**Program (JAG) (Fed-DOJ-BJA) -** The JAG program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.

**The Bureau of Justice Statistics (Fed-DOJ-BJA) -** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications for funding for the National Pretrial Reporting Program (NPRP) 2020, formerly titled the State Court Processing Statistics (SCPS). This data collection program is a component of the BJS Criminal Justice Statistics Program. The NPRP provides information on the criminal case processing of defendants charged with felony



offenses in state criminal courts, with a particular focus on pre-trial release and detention. This program furthers the Department's mission by increasing transparency, collaboration, and reporting of state criminal courts.

**Innovations in Supervision Initiative: Building Capacity to Create Safer Communities (Fed-DOJ-BJA) -**

This program provides funding for state, local, and tribal community corrections agencies to improve supervision capacity to prevent recidivism and reduce crime in their jurisdictions.

The goal of this program is to improve the capacity and effectiveness of probation and parole agencies to increase probation and parole success rates and reduce the rate of recidivism for those under supervision. Such efforts would reduce crime, victimization, admissions to prisons and jails, and save taxpayer dollars.

**Project Safe Neighborhoods (Fed-DOJ-BJA) -** Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.

**Research, Development and Evaluation**

(Fed-DOJ-NIJ) - National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) research and development process helps ensure that projects are relevant to the field and produce valid, actionable results. The process typically includes: Identifying needs; Developing a research agenda; Implementing research; Post-award activities; Evaluating research results; Disseminating research results.

**Research Fellowships (Fed-DOJ-NIJ) -** National Institute of Justice (NIJ) sponsors fellowship programs to strengthen and broaden the pool of researchers looking at the issues of crime and justice by:

- Providing talented researchers — who hold a terminal degree in any academic discipline and are early in their career — with an opportunity to elevate their independently generated research and ideas to the level of national discussion.
- Encouraging promising doctoral students in the application of critical and innovative thinking on pressing criminal justice problems.
- Fostering the professional development of criminal justice researchers and professionals by providing them an opportunity to work full-time on research addressing criminal justice issues relevant to the work of National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and public policy.
- Encouraging students from any academic discipline to propose original research that has direct implications for criminal justice in the United States.

**The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP)** supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. BJA is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal

justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program. JMHCP seeks to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The program encourages early intervention for these multisystem-involved individuals; maximizes diversion opportunities for multisystem-involved individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders; promotes training for justice and treatment professionals; and facilitates communication, collaboration, and the delivery of support services among justice professionals, treatment and related service providers, and governmental partners.

JMHCP offers grants to help entities prepare comprehensive plans to implement collaboration programs that target qualified offenders and promote public safety and public health. Specifically, per the authorizing statute, grants awarded under this program shall be used to create or expand:

- Programs that support cooperative efforts by public safety officials and service providers (at any point in the system) to connect individuals with MI or CMISA with treatment and social services
- Mental health courts or other court-based programs
- Programs that offer specialized training for public safety officials and mental health providers in order to respond appropriately to individuals with MI or CMISA
- Programs that support intergovernmental cooperation between state and local governments to address enhanced support to individuals with MI or CMISA

**Bureau of Justice Assistance STOP School Violence**

**Grant (Fed-DOJ-NIJ) -** The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (or STOP School Violence Act) describes the following categories for school safety projects:

- Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students.
- The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites.
- The development and deployment of:
  - A. School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel; and
  - B. Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

**Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program (SCA) (Fed-DOJ-NIJ) -** Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications to support SCA grantees and reentry practitioners in the

field to improve reentry and reduce recidivism.

This program provides training and technical assistance (TTA) services to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the successful reentry of people from detention and incarceration to communities.

Through this solicitation, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seek three providers to support site-based SCA grantees for each of the following categories:

Category 1: Corrections and Community Engagement TTA Provider.

Category 2: Education, Employment, and Community Engagement TTA Provider.

Category 3: Behavioral Health, Housing, and Family Support TTA Provider.

### **Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating**

**Violent Crime & Illegal Opioids (Fed-NIJ)** - The purpose of this program is to support prosecutors' offices to reduce caseloads, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of prosecutors' processes and procedures, and provide modern technology to better manage and track cases.

The program encourages prosecutors and agencies to use data in the development of their strategies and programs and to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions.

### **Technology Innovation Public Safety (TIPS)**

(Fed-DOJ-BJA) - The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications under the TIPS Program, for the implementation of innovative and replicable projects that combat precipitous increases in crime, with an emphasis on addressing violent crime, human trafficking, and the opioid crisis. This program furthers the Department's mission by supporting state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions



in reducing crime and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system through more effective information sharing, multi-agency collaboration, and implementation of data-driven, evidence-based strategies. TIPS is part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Suite of programs, which is focused on reducing violent crime.

### **Rural Fire Assistance Program (RFA) (Fed-USFWS)** -

The RFA program funds are appropriated by Congress annually. The Department of the Interior receives an appropriated budget each year for a RFA grant program. The maximum award is \$20,000. This funding will enhance the fire protection capabilities of rural and volunteer fire

departments through training, equipment purchases, and fire prevention work on a cost-shared basis. The DOI assistance program targets rural and volunteer fire departments that routinely help fight fire on or near DOI lands. One of these four agencies administers those lands: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Park Service (NPS). RFA is intended to increase local firefighter safety and enhance the fire protection capabilities of Rural Fire Departments (RFD) by helping RFDs meet accepted standards of wildland fire qualifications, training, and performance for initial and extended attack at the local level. The RFA program supports the overall goals of the National Fire Plan by improving the capacity and capability of local fire departments to protect their communities from the effects of wildland fire. The RFA program provides funds for RFDs that: protect rural, wildland-urban interface communities; play a substantial cooperative role in the protection of federal lands; are cooperators with the Department of the Interior (DOI) managed lands through cooperative agreements with the DOI or their respective State; and serve communities with a population of 10,000 or less.

### **Rural Fire Department Resources for Local Officials**

(Fed-USDA) - There is a wide range of information available regarding all aspects of fire department operation including funding sources for operations, facilities, firefighter equipment, fire trucks and training, and first responder emergencies. This online guide includes general rural fire information, training programs, statistical information and publications on fire-related issues. This online guide was originally developed by the Rural Information Center in 2006.

### **Healthy Forests & Rangelands Program (HFRP)**

(Fed-USDA/DOI) - HFRP provides landowners with 10-year restoration agreements and 30-year or permanent easements for specific conservation actions. For acreage owned by an American Indian tribe, there is an additional enrollment option of a 30-year contract. Some landowners may avoid regulatory restrictions under the Endangered Species Act by restoring or improving habitat on their land for a specified period of time.

### **Volunteer Fire Assistance Program (VFA)**

(Fed-USDA-USFS) - The VFA program, formerly known as the Rural Community Fire Protection program, is administered by State Forestry agencies through 50-50 cost-sharing grants to local fire departments located in rural communities. The program's main goal is to provide federal financial, technical and other assistance in the organization, training and equipping of fire departments in rural areas, defined as having a population of 10,000 or less.

### **SAMHSA Mental Health Awareness Training Grants**

**(FED-USHHS)** - The purpose of this program is to: (1) train individuals (e.g., school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, veterans, armed services

members and their families) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, particularly serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbances (SED); (2) establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services; (3) train emergency services personnel, law enforcement, fire department personnel, veterans, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder. It is expected that this program will prepare and train others on how to appropriately and safely respond to individuals with mental disorders, particularly individuals with SMI and/or SED.

### **Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training**

**(ALERT)-** The ALERT grant promotes hazmat response training for volunteer or remote emergency responders. Response activities include the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, and other flammable liquids by rail consistent with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

The ALERT grant is competitively awarded to non-profit organizations capable of delivering an established curriculum to emergency responders. Examples: Direct delivery training on crude oil, ethanol, and other flammable liquids by rail; web-based training for volunteer or remote emergency responders.

### **Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction**

**Program-** The goal of this program is to increase the capacity of police departments or prosecutors' offices to fully implement programming and activities that reflect critical elements found in the Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide or the Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities to combat violent crime.

With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to support small and rural agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy.

## **Chapter Acronyms**

**DCNR** – Department of Conversation and Nature Resources

**DOJ** – Department of Justice

**COPS** – Community Oriented Policing Service

**BJA** – Bureau of Justice Assistance

**NIJ** – National Institute of Justice

**OSFC** – Office of the State Fire Commissioner

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture

**USFS** – United States Forest Service

# Notes:



# Emergency Preparedness

*Preparedness grants support our citizens and first responders to ensure we work together as a nation to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies. Below you will find grants from the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Several of the grants are pass through programs, be mindful you will find them in several locations online.*

## **Emergency Management Performance Grant**

(State-PEMA) - Financial and technical assistance is provided to support state and county governments' efforts to improve their emergency response capabilities.

By providing this assistance, the federal government stresses the importance of, and the fact that there is a national interest in, all jurisdictions having emergency management programs that:

- Have a dedicated staff to conduct and coordinate emergency management activities
- Prepare and maintain comprehensive Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) that address relevant hazards
- Ensure that all members of the emergency response organization receive the necessary training
- Ensure that there is an aggressive exercise program that provides a means to evaluate and test plans, people, procedures, equipment, etc.
- Apply the results and lessons learned from self-assessments, deficiencies identified during the conduct of exercises, EOP reviews, and post-disaster response critiques to improve the jurisdiction's emergency response capabilities



**Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)** (State-PEMA) - The FMA grant program is a pre-disaster mitigation program. FMA is funded annually; a federal disaster declaration is not required. FMA funding comes from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and is limited. The federal cost share for an FMA project is 75 percent.

At minimum, a FEMA-approved local flood mitigation plan is required before a project can be approved. Some funding is available for planning. Only NFIP-insured homes and businesses and municipalities in good standing with the NFIP are eligible for mitigation in this program. Applications must come from local governments or other

eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program.

## **Hazardous Materials Response Fund** (State-PEMA) -

These funds are to be used for the preparation of chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry. Acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and the conduct of training and exercises.

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## **Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI)**

(State-PEMA)- The high-level objective of this federal grant program is to provide funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

One of the core missions is to enhance the ability of state, territory, local, and tribal governments to prevent, protect

against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters and to strengthen homeland security preparedness. The UASI assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

Funds must be used to enhance preparedness capabilities identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) against Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) target.

Activities must fall under the following categories: planning, training, exercise, organization and management, and administration. Another key requirement for all activity is overall local and regional coordination, resource sharing, and collaboration.

### **State Homeland Security Grant Program**

(State-PEMA)- Eligible entities are county governments within the respective Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Regional Task Forces as established following Title 35. Funds must be used to enhance preparedness capabilities identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) against Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) target. Activities must fall under the following categories: planning, training, exercise, organization and management, and administration. Another key requirement for all activity is overall local and regional coordination, resource sharing and collaboration.

**Intercity Passenger Rail Grant- Amtrak** (State-PEMA) - This grant provides funds to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of the Amtrak Rail System. This funding plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

**Port Security Grant** (State-PEMA) - This grant provides funding to state, local and private-sector partners to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

**Transit Security Grant** (State-PEMA) - This grant provides funding to eligible public transportation systems (which include intra-city bus, ferries and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from terrorism, and to increase transportation infrastructure resilience.

**Intercity Bus Security Grant** (State-PEMA) - The Intercity Bus Security Grant helps protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. This funding provides owners and operators of intercity bus systems with resources for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

**Nonprofit Security Grant** (State-PEMA) - This grant provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The intent is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies.



### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants** (State-PEMA) -

*The grant application period is in the spring of each year, dependent on the timing of federal appropriations/announcement.*

Federal Hazardous Material Law authorizes the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) to provide assistance to public sector employees through planning and training grants to states, territories, and Native American tribes for emergency response.

The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.

The U.S. DOT Research and Special Programs Administration, under a program that began in 1993, provides a reimbursable grant to every state to assist in hazardous materials response planning and related training activities.

**Assistance to Firefighters AFG** (Fed-FEMA) - The AFG Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical training and equipment. The AFG Program represents one part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress

and implemented by DHS. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, the AFG Program supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. In awarding grants, the Administrator of FEMA is required to consider the following:

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#### **Emergency Management Performance Grant**

(Fed-FEMA) - The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The EMPG's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas.

**Homeland Security Grant (Fed-FEMA)** - The Homeland Security Grant includes a suite of risk-based grants to assist state, local, tribal and territorial efforts in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism and other threats. This grant provides grantees with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and working toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

**Regional Catastrophic Grant Program (Fed-FEMA)** - The Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System. RCPGP supports the building of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation by providing resources to close known capability gaps in Housing and Logistics and Supply Chain Management, encouraging innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and building on existing regional efforts.

**National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Grant (NEHRP) (Fed – FEMA)** - The NEHRP agencies pursue the goals of the program through collaboration

with each other and numerous partners. In addition to other federal agencies, program partners include state and local governments, universities, research centers, professional societies, trade associations and businesses, as well as associated councils, commissions and consortia.

NEHRP's work encompasses research, development and implementation activities. Program research helps to advance our understanding of why and how earthquakes occur and impact the natural and built environments. The program develops strategies, tools, techniques and other measures that can reduce the adverse effects of earthquakes and facilitates and promotes implementation of these measures, thereby strengthening earthquake resilience among at-risk communities.

#### **Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Grants**

(Fed-FEMA) - Initiating, Restoring, or Enhancing Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation- The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorized the Fiscal Years 2018-2020 R&E Grants Program, which provides operating assistance to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger rail transportation through eligible projects that may include adding frequencies to current services, extending current services to new markets or station stops, offering new on-board services, initiating new service, or restoring a previously operated service.

#### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (Fed-FEMA)**

(BRIC) (Fed-FEMA) - Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) will support states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

The BRIC program guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.

The program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design. For example, an innovative project may bring multiple funding sources or in-kind resources from a range of private and public sector stakeholders or offer multiple benefits to a community in addition to the benefit of risk reduction.

Through BRIC, FEMA will continue to invest in a variety of mitigation activities with an added focus on infrastructure projects and *Community Lifelines*.

A lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security.

- Lifelines are the most fundamental services in the community that, when stabilized, enable all other aspects of society to function.



- FEMA has developed a construct for objectives-based response that prioritizes the rapid stabilization of Community Lifelines after a disaster.
- The integrated network of assets, services, and capabilities that provide lifeline services are used day-to-day to support the recurring needs of the community and enable all other aspects of society to function.
- When disrupted, decisive intervention (e.g., rapid re-establishment or employment of contingency response solutions) is required to stabilize the incident.

#### **Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)**

(FED-HHS-ASPR) - Provides leadership and funding through cooperative agreements to states, territories, and eligible metropolitan areas to improve the capacity of the health care system to plan for and respond to large-scale emergencies and disasters.

HPP supports regional collaboration and health care preparedness and response by encouraging the development and sustainment of health care coalitions (HCC). These coalitions incentivize often competitive health care organizations with differing priorities and objectives to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all types of threats and emergencies. HPP funding also supports trainings and exercises that prepare HCC members to handle real emergencies.

As the only source of federal funding for health care system readiness, HPP improves patient outcomes, minimizes the need for federal and supplemental state resources during large-scale emergencies, and enables rapid recovery. In addition to providing funding for health care preparedness and response, HPP offers guidance and technical assistance—through ASPR TRACIE and regionally-based field project officers—to help HCCs and their members achieve the 2017 – 2022 Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities. When achieved, these capabilities represent an enhanced state of readiness for the country's health care system. As the nation faces new and emerging threats, HPP will continue to provide essential leadership in health care preparedness and response.

**Accelerate R2 Network Challenge** (EDA-DOC) - The Accelerate R2 Network Challenge will fund a strategic network of organizations on a national scale working to address disaster Response and Resiliency (R2) challenges with innovative technologies. This program was announced by the Economic Development Administration, in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Public Safety Communications Research division and the First Responder Network Authority.

This \$1 million grant program will award funds to an organization or organizations to connect stakeholders in the disaster response and resiliency industries across geographies to accelerate the pace at which startups, established corporations, and other organizations bring technological innovations to the market.

#### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)**

(HHS) - The PHEP cooperative agreement is a critical source of funding for state, local, and territorial public health departments. Since 2002, the PHEP cooperative agreement has provided assistance to public health departments across the nation. This helps health departments build and strengthen their abilities to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. Preparedness activities funded by the PHEP cooperative agreement specifically targeted the development of emergency-ready public health departments that are flexible and adaptable.

#### **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**

- Cyberspace and its underlying infrastructure are vulnerable to a wide range of risks stemming from both physical and cyber threats and hazards. Sophisticated cyber actors and nation-states exploit vulnerabilities to steal information and money and are developing capabilities to disrupt, destroy, or threaten the delivery of essential services. Cyberspace is particularly difficult to secure due to a number of factors: the ability of malicious actors to operate from anywhere in the world, the linkages between cyberspace and physical systems, and the difficulty of reducing vulnerabilities and consequences in complex cyber networks. Of growing concern is the cyber threat to critical infrastructure, which is increasingly subject to sophisticated cyber intrusions that pose new risks.

## **Chapter Acronyms**

**CISA** – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

**DOC** – US Department of Commerce

**EDA** – US Economic Development Agency

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**HHS** – US Department of Health & Human Services

**PEMA** – Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency



# Equipment & Vehicles

*The following programs will aid in purchasing vehicles and vehicle equipment. You will find grants from but not limited to the State Fire Commissioners Office and PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.*

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**Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program** (State-OSFC) - The General Assembly established this loan on July 15, 1976, with Act 208. They provide loans at a fixed 2% interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment. Since its inception, the program has approved more than \$489 million in loans for the commonwealth's volunteer emergency services community. Forms and informational materials are available to interested organizations. Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) staff provides technical assistance and regulatory guidance to applicants; receives, analyzes and approves loan applications; supplies loan closing services; maintains financial and historical files and services all accounts until they are closed.

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#### **Rural Development Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program (Fed-USDA-RD) -**

Essential community infrastructure is key in ensuring that rural areas enjoy the same basic quality of life and services enjoyed by those in urban areas. Community Facilities Programs offer direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America. These amenities help increase the competitiveness of rural communities in attracting and retaining businesses that provide employment and services for their residents.

Public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized American Indian Tribes can use the funds to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide healthcare, education, public safety, and public services.

Projects include fire and rescue stations, village and town halls, health care clinics, hospitals, adult and child care centers, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, public buildings, schools, libraries, and many other community-based initiatives. Financing may also cover the costs for land acquisition, professional fees, and purchase of equipment. These facilities not only improve the basic quality of life, but also assist in the development and sustainability of rural America.

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Under the FEPP, the DCNR Bureau of Forestry acquires excess federal equipment and assigns that equipment to rural fire departments. The federal government maintains title to property made available through FEPP, and therefore the equipment is considered on loan to the receiving fire department. Only equipment used for fire suppression activities is available through this program. DCNR will license FEPP vehicles for participating fire departments.

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**Rural Fire Assistance Program (Fed-FWS) -** There is a wide range of information available regarding all aspects of fire department operation including funding sources for operations, facilities, firefighter equipment, fire trucks and training, and first responder emergencies. This online guide includes general rural fire information, training programs, statistical information and publications on fire-related issues.

- Planning resources
- Funding and program assistance
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- Additional resources
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#### **Volunteer Fire Assistance Program (Fed-DA-USFS) -**

This program provides federal financial, technical, and other assistance to state foresters to train, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities of 10,000 or less population. The funding must be matched on a 50-50% basis by non-federal dollars or in-kind.

#### **Hazardous Materials Grant (Hazmat) Programs & Pipeline Safety Grant Programs (Fed-DOT)**

- The PHMSA's Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Grants Program is comprised of four grants.
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#### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Micro Grants** - (FED-FEMA)

The selection of the voluntary Micro Grant option (cumulative federal funding of \$50,000) for eligible High Priority Operations and Safety activities does not impact an applicant's request or participation under the Vehicle Acquisition or Regional projects. Applicants who select Micro Grants under Operations and Safety as a funding opportunity choice may still apply for a Vehicle Acquisition or Regional project. Of the 25% allocated to each of the career, combination, and volunteer departments, FEMA will aim to fund no less than 25% of the allocation for Micro Grants.

Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program- The goal of this program is to increase the capacity of police departments or prosecutors' offices to fully implement programming and activities that reflect critical elements found in the Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide or the Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities to combat violent crime.

With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to support small and rural agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy.

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**DCNR** – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

**DOD** – Department of Defense

**DOT** – Department of Transportation

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

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**OSFC** - Office of the State Fire Commissioner

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**USFA** – United States Fire Administration

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# Personal Gear

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Activities implemented with UASI funds must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, mitigation of, response to or recovery from terrorism in order to be considered eligible. However, many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate the dual-use quality for any activities implemented that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness.

**Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BVP) (Fed-DOJ-COPS)** - The BVP, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. ONE MILLION VESTS: Since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions a total of \$430 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests (1,294,837) as of July 2017.

**Body-Worn Camera Policy & Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement (Fed-DOJ-BJA)** - Eligible applicants are limited to public agencies of state government, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), or any department, agency, or instrumentality of the foregoing that performs criminal justice functions (including combinations of the preceding entities).

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) (Fed-DOJ-BJA)** - The JAG Program allows states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas: 1) law enforcement programs; 2) prosecution and court programs; 3) prevention and education programs; 4) corrections and community corrections programs; 5) drug treatment and enforcement programs; 6) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; and 7) crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

**Facial Recognition Grant (Fed-HS)** - The Department of Homeland Security funds grants for state and local governments to purchase and use facial recognition technology. For example, Department grants such as the State Homeland Security Program and the Urban Areas Security Initiative Program fund facial recognition technology for state and local entities.

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Under FEPP, the DCNR Bureau of Forestry acquires excess federal equipment and assigns that equipment to rural fire departments. The federal government maintains title to property made available through FEPP, and therefore the equipment is considered on loan to the receiving fire department. Only equipment used for fire suppression activities is available through this program. DCNR will license FEPP vehicles for participating fire departments.



**The Firefighter Property Program (FFP)** (Fed-DOD) - refers to one of the Department of Defense's (DOD) special programs where firefighters can get excess DOD property to be used for firefighting and emergency services. Certain property obtained from this program passes ownership after it has been in use for a specified period of time. This program is managed by the Forest Service with cooperation of the state forestry agencies.

**Rural Fire Assistance Program (RFA)** (Fed-FWS) - Each year, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service provides RFA grants to neighboring community fire departments to enhance local wildfire protection, purchase equipment, and train volunteer firefighters. Service fire staff also assist directly with community projects. These efforts reduce the risk to human life and better permit FWS firefighters to interact and work with community fire organizations when fighting wildfires. The Department of the Interior (DOI) receives an appropriated budget each year for an RFA grant program. The maximum award per grant is \$20,000. The DOI assistance program targets rural and volunteer fire departments that routinely help fight fire on or near DOI lands.

**Volunteer Fire Assistance Program** (Fed-USDA-FS) - This program provides federal financial, technical, and other assistance to state foresters to train, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities of 10,000 or less population. The funding must be matched on a 50-50% basis by non-federal dollars or in-kind.

## Chapter Acronyms

**BJA** – Bureau of Justice Assistance

**COPS** – Community Oriented Policing Services

**DCNR** – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

**DOD** – Department of Defense

**DOJ** – Department of Justice

**FA** – Fire Administration

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FS** – Forest Service

**FWS** – Fish and Wildlife Services

**HS** – Department of Homeland Security

**OSFC** – Office of the State Fire Commissioner

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture

**USFS** – United States Forest Service

# Procurement

*The following programs will aid in sourcing and purchasing of goods and services for municipal or nonprofit use. You will find purchasing programs from the PA Department of General Services and the United States Department of Health and Human Services. It is important to work with a purchasing agent from the departments to find the product you need.*

**COSTARS** (State-DGS) - The commonwealth's cooperative purchasing program makes it easier and more cost-effective for local public entities and certain non-profits registered within the DGS to purchase a broad selection of goods and services from COSTARS-designated contracts. For more information, including a complete list of registered communities and organizations eligible to purchase (members), COSTARS-designated contracts and awarded suppliers, visit [www.costars.state.pa.us](http://www.costars.state.pa.us).  
Contact – 1-866-768-7827

**Federal Surplus Property Program** (State-DGS) - Offers a limitless variety of property to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations within Pennsylvania. From paper to vehicles, from computers to concrete block, DGS can help meet your needs while saving money with surplus. Property available in inventory is viewable at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. Requests for any specific property that may not be in current inventory are also accepted so the department can find it elsewhere and arrange for its direct allocation to your location. The property itself is donated from the federal government; however, a service charge is incurred to cover the state's cost of administering the program.  
Contact – 1-800-235-1555

**1033 Excess Property Program** (State-DGS) - Provides Pennsylvania local law enforcement agencies an opportunity to acquire U.S. Department of Defense equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Eligible participants are limited to law enforcement entities, whose primary function is the enforcement of applicable federal, state and local law; and whose compensated law enforcement officers have the powers of arrest and apprehension. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night-vision goggles, vehicles, and many other items are available to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the federal government, and requires compliance. Eligible law enforcement agencies can purchase this previously used equipment at a lower cost. Participants pay an annual fee or incur a minimal service charge to cover the costs of administering the program.  
Contact – 717-787-6197

**1122 New Property Program** (State-DGS) - Enables Pennsylvania local law enforcement, emergency response and Homeland Security agencies to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counterdrug activities from federal contracts. Because of its volume purchasing

power, the federal government receives tremendous discounts on many of these items. DGS researches the federal contracts and provides quotes. A service charge of 4 percent of the purchase price up to \$50,000, or \$500, whichever is less, is incurred. For purchases above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, the service charge is \$750; and for purchases valued greater than \$100,000, there is a \$1,000 service charge.

Eligible "units of local or state government" are "any city, county, township, town, borough, parish, village or other general purpose political subdivision of states, and Indian tribes, which perform law enforcement or emergency response functions." These groups can purchase new equipment suitable for counter-drug, emergency response and homeland security activities. Fire departments, EMS and other first responders are eligible to participate, as well as infrastructures that support them.

First responders plus emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel (such as equipment operators) that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations. The emergency responder community consists not just of fire, law enforcement, and the medical immediate responders to an accident or emergency situation, but also to the infrastructure that supports them and other emergency response organizations. Contact – 717-787-6197

**Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program** (State-DGS) - The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program offers General Services Administration (GSA) fleet vehicles for sale before these vehicles go to public auction. Cars, trucks, vans, alternative fuel vehicles, pick-up trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks with low mileage and only one prior owner are all available. View current inventory online or submit a request for a specific vehicle. Contact – 717-525-5805

**State Surplus Property Program** (State-DGS) - The State Surplus Property Program offers commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies for sale to the general public. Items may be purchased at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. The Harrisburg warehouse hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** (State-DGS) - Voluntarily confiscated items and lost and found property such as pocket knives, sporting equipment, jewelry, tools, belts and other miscellaneous items are offered for sale to the general public at the Harrisburg



warehouse or online at [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com).

Contact – 717-772-1733

**Used Vehicle Auctions** (State-DGS) - Provides the public with opportunities to purchase commonwealth used vehicles. Bi-monthly auctions are conducted at the Manheim Central Penn Auto Auction in Grantville, Pennsylvania. Contact – 717-787-3162



### **National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)**

(Fed-HH) - is a cooperative asset-sharing program among federal government agencies, state and local governments, and the private businesses and civilian volunteers to ensure resources are available to provide medical services following a disaster that overwhelms the local health care resources.

## **Chapter Acronyms**

DGS – Department of General Services

HH – Health and Human Services



# School Safety

*There are a number of programs available to school districts and municipalities for school safety projects. Below you will find funding options to assist with assessments, gear, communications equipment, and School Police Officers (SRO).*

**School Safety & Security Program Grant Fund, Meritorious** (State-PCCD) - The primary purpose of the School Safety and Security Meritorious Application is to provide grants to school districts for programs that address safety and security.

The goals and objectives of the School Safety and Security Grant Program are to make school entities within this Commonwealth safer places. The anticipated long-term impacts resulting from this solicitation include the following:

- An increase in the number of safety and security assessments of school buildings throughout Pennsylvania;
- An increase in training opportunities for administrators, teachers, staff and students;
- An increase in the use of school-wide positive behavioral supports and other evidence-based programs related to school safety and security;
- Improvements to districtwide school safety, violence prevention, emergency preparedness and all-hazards plans;
- An increase in security planning efforts and the purchase of security-related technology and equipment;
- An increase in the provision of counseling services for students;
- An increase in the use of school resource officers and school police officers; and
- An increase in the use of trauma-informed approaches to education.

This grant is awarded on a merit based system.

**School Safety & Security Program Grant Fund, Competitive** (State-PCCD) - The School Safety & Security Committee (SSSC) provides funds to the School Safety & Security Program for competitive grants. Funding under this category is limited to eligible school entities (i.e., a school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school, regional charter school, approved private school, chartered school for the education of the deaf or the blind, or private residential rehabilitative institution) supporting eligible activities.

The goal of the School Safety and Security Grant Program solicitation is to make school entities within this Commonwealth safer places. The anticipated impacts resulting from this solicitation include:

- An increase in the number of safety and security assessments of school buildings throughout Pennsylvania;
- An increase in training opportunities for administrators, teachers, staff and students;
- An increase in the use of school-wide positive behavioral supports and other evidence-based programs related to school safety and security;
- Improvements to districtwide school safety, violence prevention, emergency preparedness and all-hazards plans;
- An increase in security planning efforts and the purchase of security-related technology and equipment;
- An increase in the provision of counseling services for students;
- An increase in the use of school resource officers and school police officers; and
- An increase in the use of trauma-informed approaches to education.

Funds for the proposed program must be used to support any, all, or one of the following items or activities:

*Specific purposes--The committee shall provide grants to school entities for programs that address safety and security, including:*

- Safety and security assessments that meet the committee's criteria;
- Conflict resolution or dispute management, including restorative justice strategies;



- School-wide positive behavior support that includes primary or universal, secondary and tertiary supports and interventions in school entities;
- School-based diversion programs;
- Peer helper programs;
- Risk assessment, safety-related, violence prevention curricula, including dating violence curricula and restorative justice strategies;
- Classroom management;
- Student codes of conduct; and
- Training to undertake a districtwide assessment of risk factors that increase the likelihood of problem behaviors among students.

#### **Community Violence Prevention/Reduction Initiative Program (State-PCCD)**

- The Community Violence Prevention/Reduction Program is a subset of funding available under the School Safety and Security Grant Program. Funds can be used to support the eligible activities. Applicants may collaborate with their local school entities that may have made application under the School Safety and Security Program Grant funding announcement.

- Increasing access to quality trauma-informed support services and behavioral health care by linking the community with local trauma support and behavioral health systems.
- Providing health services and intervention strategies by coordinating the services provided by eligible applicants and coordinated care organizations, public health entities, nonprofit youth service providers and community-based organizations.
- Providing mentoring and other intervention models to children and their families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, in foster care, involved in the criminal justice system, unemployed, experiencing a mental illness or substance abuse disorder or not enrolled in, or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution.
- Fostering and promoting communication between the school entity, community and law enforcement.
- Any other program or model designed to reduce community violence and approved by the committee.

Eligible applicants include:

- Municipalities, which includes boroughs, townships, towns, and cities;
- Counties;
- Institutions of higher education; and
- Community-based organizations.



**School Safety Program Grant (State-PDE)** - The purpose of the Safe Schools Initiative Targeted Grant for Programs is to assist school entities by providing funding for programs that address school violence.

Funds must be used in accordance with the criteria identified in sections 1302-A of the Pennsylvania School Code and fulfill the requirements of the guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) as indicated in this request for application. PDE's Office for Safe Schools will allocate funds through a competitive grant review process. A school entity will submit its application via the eGrants system.

Funding is not guaranteed. All grants are competitive and reviewed based on meeting the application requirements and statutory priorities. For the purposes of this grant "school entity" shall be defined as a public school district, charter school, cyber charter school, or career and technical center.

#### **School Resource Officer, Municipal Police Department (State-PDE)**

- The purpose of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grant for School Police Officer (SPO) is to assist school entities (which include school districts, charter schools, cyber charter schools, and career and technical schools) and nonpublic schools in funding programs, which address school violence by establishing or enhancing school security, including costs associated with the training and compensation of SPOs. The grant is designed to provide funds to enable the placement of SPOs into schools across the commonwealth. Priority will be given to those school entities and nonpublic schools that utilize SPOs that meet certain priority statutory requirements. Funds must be used in accordance with the criteria identified in section 1302-A and Article XIIIIC of the Pennsylvania School Code. Grant recipients must fulfill the requirements of the guidelines set forth by the PDE Office for Safe Schools as indicated in this request for application.

Applications related to a second or an additional school or schools within a school entity will be considered only after the first round of all applications have been reviewed

and awarded. School entities and nonpublic schools applying for funding for more than one school within the school entity should clearly delineate which school's application should be considered in the first round.

### **School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)**

(Fed-DOJ-COPS) - Applications for SVPP must be submitted by a state, unit of local government (city, county, township, etc.), or its public agencies (state agencies and units of local government agencies such as, county or city public school systems, public boards of education, independent school districts, police departments, sheriff's departments), or Indian tribes. Recipients of SVPP funding must use funding for the benefit of K-12, primary and secondary schools and students.

SVPP funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 (primary and secondary) schools and school grounds:

- Coordination with law enforcement;
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self;
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures;
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency; and
- Any other measure that the COPS Office determines may provide a significant improvement in security.

**Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Grant Program (STOP)** (US-DOJ-BJA) - The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (or STOP School Violence Act) describes the following categories for school safety projects:

- Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students.
- The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites.
- The development and deployment of:
  - A. School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel; and
  - B. Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

### **Bureau of Justice Assistance STOP School Violence**

**Grant** (Fed-DOJ-NIJ) - The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding to conduct research and evaluation to enhance knowledge to improve the safety of schools and students. Specifically, applicants should propose research and evaluation projects that will study the root causes of school violence and/or the activities or purpose areas addressed by STOP School Violence Act projects. This program furthers the Department's mission by developing knowledge to advance school safety operations and practices to deliver school safety services to communities more effectively and efficiently at the state, local, and tribal levels.

## **Chapter Acronyms**

**BJA** – Bureau of Justice Assistance

**COPS** – Community Oriented Policing Service

**DOJ** – Department of Justice

**PCCD** – Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

**PDE** – Pennsylvania Department of Education

**NIJ** – National Institute of Justice



# Staffing & Operations

*First responders are the front lines of any crisis situation, from school to border safety, these individuals are protecting and serving your communities. Therefore, recruiting, training, and supporting these individuals are among your top priorities. The following federal programs are available to assist you with those priorities.*

## **Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide** (State-DCED)

- The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization. Projects must be in the public interest that improve the quality of life in the community. Projects must have a \$25,000 minimum and shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

### *Eligible Applicants*

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Municipal Authorities
- Economic Development Agencies
- Redevelopment Authorities

### *Eligible Uses of Funds*

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment
- Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects.



## **Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)** (Fed-HS-FEMA)

- SAFER was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments’ abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA.

## **Community Policing Development Program (CPD)**

(Fed-DOJ-COPS) - The CPD Program is a competitive solicitation, open to all public governmental agencies, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, institutions of

higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. CPD funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. The 2018 CPD program funds projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective community policing strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices and institutionalize community policing practice in routine business.

## **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) - Local Solicitation** (Fed-DOJ-BJA)

- The JAG Program allows states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas: 1) law enforcement programs; 2) prosecution and court programs; 3) prevention and education programs; 4) corrections and community corrections programs; 5) drug treatment and enforcement programs; 6) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; and 7) crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

## **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Formula Grant (JJDP)** (Fed-DOJ-NIJ)

- These federal funds are made available to private non-profit community-based agencies/organizations and units of local/state government to support local and statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects/programs. Eligibility for federal JJDP Formula Grant Funds requires states to comply fully with federal requirements prohibiting the placement of status offenders and dependent, neglected or abused juveniles in secure detention facilities or correctional facilities; removing juvenile offenders from adult jails/lock-ups; and reducing the disproportionate number of minorities who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

## **Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School**

**Violence Grant Program (STOP)** (US-DOJ-BJA) - The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (or STOP School Violence Act) describes the



following categories for school safety projects:

- Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students;
- The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites;
- The development and deployment of:
  - A. School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel; and
  - B. Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

**Bureau of Justice Assistance STOP School Violence Grant (Fed-DOJ-NIJ)** - The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding to conduct research and evaluation to enhance knowledge to improve the safety of schools and students. Specifically, applicants should propose research and evaluation projects that will study the root causes of school violence and/or the activities or purpose areas addressed by STOP School Violence Act projects. This program furthers the Department's mission by developing knowledge to advance school safety operations and practices to deliver school safety services to communities more effectively and efficiently at the state, local, and tribal levels.

**Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) (Fed-HS-FEMA)** - The OPSG Program supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol (USBP), and local, Tribal, territorial, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies. The OPSG Program funds investments in joint efforts to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

**State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) (Fed-DOJ-BJA)** - The Bureau of Justice Assistance administers the SCAAP in conjunction with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (HS). SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

SCAAP payments will be calculated using a formula that provides a relative share of funding to jurisdictions that

apply and is based on the number of eligible criminal aliens, as determined by HS. SCAAP payments are calculated simultaneously, with applicants receiving a prorated payment based on the appropriation; costs submitted, and inmates as determined by HS. All SCAAP payments are made electronically to the applicant's bank account of record identified during the application process. All SCAAP payments must go to the jurisdiction's general fund.

**911 Grant Program (Fed-DOT-NHTSA)** - The 911 Grant Program provides grant funding to support state and local efforts to deliver optimal 911 services. The funding may be used for the implementation and operation of 911 services, E911 services, migration to an IP-enabled emergency network, and adoption and operation of Next Generation 911 services and applications.

**Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant (CMV) (Fed-DOT-FMCSA)** - This program expands the number of CDL holders possessing enhanced operator safety training to help reduce the severity and number of crashes on U.S. roads involving commercial motor vehicles. Additionally, it assists current or former members of the United States Armed Forces (including National Guard members and Reservists) and their spouses to receive training to transition to the CMV operation industry. Eligible applicants include state or local governments; accredited post-secondary educational institutions (public or private) including colleges, universities, vocational/technical schools and truck-driver training schools.

**High Priority Grant (HP) (Fed-DOT-FMCSA)** - The HP grant program is a discretionary (competitive) grant program designed to provide federal financial assistance to enhance the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) commercial vehicle safety plan (CVSP) activities, maintain innovative technology and/or new project(s) not included in the CVSP that will have a positive impact on CMV safety. Other applicants are also eligible for HP grants that improve CMV safety. HP now includes two major purposes: Innovative Technology Deployment (ITD), and CMV safety related activities and projects.

**Strong Cities, Strong Communities Grant (SC2) (Fed-DOC-EDA)** - Seeks to strengthen neighborhoods, towns, cities, and regions around the country by enhancing the capacity of local governments to develop and execute their economic vision and strategies, providing necessary technical assistance and access to federal agency expertise, and creating new public and private sector partnerships.

**Reimbursement for Firefighting on Federal Property (Fed-HS-FA)** - Under this program, fire departments that responded to a fire on federal property within the past 90 days, may be eligible for reimbursement of firefighting costs, from the federal agency which had the fire. The claim is for direct expenses or losses over and above normal operating costs, such as:

- Overtime pay;

- Pay for specially hired personnel;
- Additional fuel expenses;
- Food expenses; and
- Loss or damage of equipment.

### **Local Law Enforcement Grant Program**

(State-PGCBZ)

The Local Law Enforcement Grant Program (“Local Law Enforcement Program” or “Program”) was created by the passage of Act 71 of 2004 and revised with the passage of Act 1 of 2010. Amendments made by Act 42 of 2017, reallocated funding of the Local Law Enforcement Grants for different purposes. The Supreme Court, however, struck down provisions reallocating Local Law Enforcement Grants, giving the Board the authority to once again offer the Local Law Enforcement Grants. The purpose of the Program, as identified in Section 1408(c) of the Act, is to issue Grants to local law enforcement agencies to “investigate violations of and enforce laws relating to unlawful gambling in this Commonwealth.” The Local Law Enforcement Grant Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (“PGCB” or “Board”).

## **Chapter Acronyms**

**BJA** – Bureau of Justice Assistance

**COPS** – Community Oriented Policing Services

**DOC** – Department of Commerce

**DOJ** – Department of Justice

**DOT** – Department of Transportation

**EDA** – Economic Development Administration

**FA** – Fire Administration

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FMCSA** – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**HS** – Department of Homeland Security

**NHTSA** – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**NIJ** – National Institute of Justice

# Traffic Safety

*The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation offer safety grants to local governments to improve highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes.*

## **Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant (ARLE)**

(State-PENNDOT) - The ARLE program was established by Pennsylvania state legislation enacted in 2002. Its intent is to improve safety by reducing vehicle crashes and injuries due to red-light running at signalized intersections. ARLE has been implemented at 30 intersections in the City of Philadelphia and three intersections in Abington Township, Montgomery County.

The ARLE system is a technological tool to help police by automatically monitoring signalized intersections for red-light-running violators on a 24/7 basis. This improves safety and allows law enforcement officers to focus resources on other critical police functions. ARLE cameras use still and video images to detect vehicles that travel through a signalized intersection when the traffic signal is in the steady red phase. The recorded traffic violation is then validated by appropriate enforcement officials, the vehicle owner identified, and a citation issued to the owner by mail.

The ARLE Funding Program is a state-administered competitive grant program established in 2010, utilizing the net revenue from ARLE-levied fines to fund highway safety projects statewide. After a municipality's ARLE program administration, operations, and equipment expenses have been satisfied, the excess revenue becomes part of a restricted Motor License Fund (MLF) account to fund eligible transportation projects. The ARLE program's primary purpose is to improve safety, not to generate revenue—a misconception held by many.



**Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program** (State-PENNDOT) - The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program, also known as the "Green Light-Go Program", provides state funds for the operation and maintenance of traffic signals along critical and designated corridors

on state highways. Act 89 of 2013 created Title 75, Section 9511(e.1) [Allocation to Municipalities for Traffic Signals] which is a new funding program for designated corridors. The Department developed a similar traffic signal modernization and improvement program for critical corridors designed to improve safety and mobility by reducing congestion and improving efficiency on key state highways.

Green Light-Go grants are reimbursements to municipalities for updates to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals. Funding through the Green Light-Go program may be utilized for a range of operational improvements including, but not limited to; light-emitting diode (LED) technology installation, traffic signal retiming, developing special event plans and monitoring traffic signals, as well as upgrading traffic signals to the latest technologies.

## **Penndot Safety Grants**

*PENNDOT provides traffic safety grants to local governments, Pennsylvania state-related universities and Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities, and nonprofit organizations to improve highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes.*

**Community Traffic Safety Project** - Traffic safety educational outreach programs to schools and communities targeting local safety issues identified through data analysis. Provide support towards national and statewide enforcement mobilizations and other programs.

- **Municipal Occupant Protection Enforcement and Education Program** - Coordination of statewide municipal occupant protection enforcement and education program. Includes coordination, support, and administration of local police department participation in national and statewide enforcement mobilizations and associated education outreach efforts.
- **Municipal Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program** - Coordination of statewide municipal aggressive driving enforcement and education program. Includes coordination, support, and administration of local police department participation in national and statewide enforcement mobilizations and associated educational outreach efforts.
- **Municipal Impaired Driving Enforcement Grants** - Coordination of local police participation in impaired driving enforcement countermeasures, including officer overtime, necessary equipment purchases, and associated training.

- **Police Traffic Services Program** - Coordination of local police participation in impaired driving, occupant protection, and aggressive driving enforcement countermeasures, including officer overtime, necessary equipment purchases, and associated training.
- **DUI Courts Program** - Development and facilitation of a DUI court system, including judicial training in the area of DUI courts, establishment of new probation officers to monitor DUI court participants, and necessary equipment.
- **Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor** - Coordination of the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor position in accordance with national and state guidelines in support of the Commonwealth's Highway Safety Program.
- **Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL) Program** - Coordination of the Judicial Outreach Liaison position in accordance with national and state guidelines in support of the Commonwealth's Highway Safety Program.
- **DUI Law Enforcement Liaison Program** - Coordination of technical services in support of the Commonwealth's Impaired Driving Program.
- **Crash Records Law Enforcement Liaison Program** - Coordination of the Crash Records Law Enforcement Liaison program designed to assist PENNDOT with transitioning crash records submissions by Pennsylvania Police Agencies from paper to electronic filing, in addition to other support services as identified.

#### **Grants for Reducing Underage and Dangerous Drinking**

(State-PLCB) - The PLCB awards more than \$1 million annually in grants that fund programs that focus on proven strategies to discourage and reduce both underage and dangerous drinking. Grants are awarded to schools, community organizations, municipalities, law enforcement organizations, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and for-profit institutions, and grant-funded initiatives have included increased police patrols, social norms campaigns, "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" campaigns, college alcohol assessment surveys, online alcohol education programs, peer training, and more.

**Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant (CMVOST)** (Fed-DOT) - The Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) Grant Program, which was established by Congress in 2005 through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act — A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Section 5101 and codified as 49 USC Section 31103, has two goals:

- To expand the number of CDL holders possessing enhanced operator safety training to help reduce the severity and number of crashes on U.S. roads involving commercial motor vehicles; and
- To assist current or former members of the United States Armed Forces (including National Guard members and Reservists) and their spouses to receive training to transition to the CMV operation industry.

**High Priority Grant (HP)** (Fed-DOT) - The HP grant program is a discretionary (competitive) grant program designed to provide Federal financial assistance to enhance MCSAP commercial vehicle safety plan (CVSP) activities, maintain innovative technology and/or new project(s) not included in the CVSP that will have a positive impact on CMV safety. Other applicants are also eligible for HP grants that improve CMV safety. HP now includes two major purposes: Innovative Technology Deployment (ITD), and CMV safety related activities and projects. Although ITD resides within HP, the ITD grant program purpose and program eligibility requirements are separate and distinct from CMV safety related activities and projects.

**HP CMV Safety-Related Activities and Projects** - The HP grant program provides financial assistance to carry out activities and projects that augment motor carrier safety which include:

- Supporting participation in performance and registration information systems management;
- Conducting safety data improvement projects;
- Increasing public awareness and education on CMV safety;
- Targeting unsafe driving of CMV and Non-CMV in areas identified as high risk crash corridors;
- Improving the safe and secure movement of hazardous materials;
- Improving safe transportation of goods and persons in foreign commerce;
- Demonstrating new technologies to improve CMV safety; and
- Otherwise improving CMV safety and compliance with CMV safety regulations.

#### **High Priority Innovative Technology Deployment Program (ITD)**

(Fed-DOT-FMCSA) - The ITD grant program provides financial assistance to advance the technological capability and promote the deployment of intelligent transportation system applications for CMV operations, including CMV, commercial driver, and carrier-specific information systems and networks; and to support and maintain CMV information systems and networks.

## **Chapter Acronyms**

**FMCSA** – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**DOT** – Department of Transportation

**PLCB** – Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

**PENNDOT** – Pennsylvania Department of Transportation



# Victim Services & Forensics

*Explore the grants below to identify state and federal resources and other innovative alternatives that can help provide financial sources for expenses related to services for victims and creating or expanding forensics laboratories. Grants are available from the state and federal government including, but not limited to, the Commission on Crime and Delinquency, The National Institute for Justice and the U.S. Department of Justice.*

## **Victims of a Crime Act Non-Competitive Grant (VOCA)**

(State-PCCD) - Funds may only be used to provide direct services, which respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims by helping them stabilize their lives after victimization, assisting them in navigating the criminal and juvenile justice process, and/or provide victims of crime with a safe and secure environment.

## **Victims of a Crime Act Competitive Grant (VOCA)**

(State-PCCD) - This federal grant program provides funding for the provision of direct services to victims of crime as well as financial support, via Victims Compensation Assistance, to victims of crime. VOCA funding is distributed primarily to community-based victim services agencies, although several system-based programs also receive this funding. VOCA funding is distributed to all 67 counties in the Commonwealth. On average, these funds make services available to 130,000 victims per year.

**Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO)** (State-PCCD)- This state appropriation provides financial support, training and technical assistance as statutorily created by the Commonwealth's Crime Victims Act specifically for victims whose offenders are under the age of 18. PCCD provides grants and technical assistance to District Attorney's Offices, Juvenile Probation offices and community-based victim service programs to carry out mandated victims' rights to victims of juvenile offenders. Currently, 65 of the 67 Commonwealth's counties participate in this program.

**Child Advocacy Centers Grant (CAC)** (State-PCCD) - This state appropriation supports the on-going operation and development of CAC's and Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Teams (MDIT's) throughout the commonwealth. CAC's are child-focused, facility-based programs for child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

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**Local Share Account (LSA) Statewid**(State-PCCD) - The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible

applicant or a nonprofit organization. Projects must be in the public interest that improve the quality of life in the community. Projects must have a \$25,000 minimum and shall not excel \$1,000,000.

### *Eligible Applicants*

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Municipal Authorities
- Economic Development Agencies
- Redevelopment Authorities

### *Eligible Uses of Funds*

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment
- Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects.

## **Direct Victim Service Organization Grant (OVC)**

(State-PCCD) -

- Purpose Area 1 – Law Enforcement-Based Direct Victim Services Program, and
- Purpose Area 2 – Law Enforcement-Based Direct Victim Services Technical Assistance.

Program eligible applicants for Purpose Area 1 (Law Enforcement-Based Direct Victim Services Program) are limited to public law enforcement agencies or federally recognized Indian tribal governments with arrest powers that perform law enforcement functions (as determined



by the Secretary of the Interior) from small, mid-sized or large jurisdictions. Viable sites within the Public Safety Partnership, Project Safe Neighborhoods and Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims (ELERV) are particularly invited to apply.

Eligible applicants for Purpose Area 2 (Law Enforcement-Based Direct Victim Services Technical Assistance Program) are limited to nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations); for-profit organizations; colleges or universities (including tribal institutions of higher education); and tribal governments, or tribal organizations. Applicants must have the staff resources and capability to develop or enhance a model for delivery of these technical assistance services. A nonprofit organization does not need to have 501(c)(3) status to apply for grant funding under this solicitation. All recipients and sub-recipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

**Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant (Fed-DOJ-BJA)** - Funds are available for applications from state, county or municipal forensic crime laboratories, county district attorneys, medical examiners and county coroners to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services to the criminal justice system.

**The STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant (Fed-DOJ-OWV)** - This federal grant program provides support to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and enhance the services available to women who have been victims of violent crime. STOP funding is distributed on a competitive basis to counties and the money is used to implement program plans that incorporate a law enforcement, prosecutorial and victim services component to address violence against women at the local level. By federal requirement, 25% of funds must be used for prosecution; 25% for law enforcement; 30% for victim services; 5% for judiciary and 15% discretionary. Of the 30% allocated to victim services, 10% must be used for underserved populations. During 2012, federal STOP Violence Against Women funding was used to serve 16,056 victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence across Pennsylvania.

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (State-PCCD)** - The 108th Congress merged the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program (also known in Pennsylvania as the Drug Control and System Improvement Program) with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) to establish the JAG.

The JAG federal grant program provides seed money to assist state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice and criminal justice system improvement projects throughout the Commonwealth. Funds are also used to provide technical assistance to state, county and local units of government; as well as coordinate regional and statewide training events.

**Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program Grant (CIP) (State-PCCD)** - The County CIP Program provides

funding support to participating counties for programs offering restrictive intermediate punishments in lieu of incarceration. Only non-violent offenders who would have been sentenced to incarceration under Levels 3 and 4 of Pennsylvania's Sentencing Guidelines are eligible for program participation. The goal of these programs are to reduce confinement costs by providing alternatives to incarceration and secure placement for offenders and by enhancing opportunities for offenders to successfully reintegrate into society. The number of jail days averted through the utilization of intermediate punishment programs is a significant cost-saving measure for both the counties and the Commonwealth. Ongoing research on the Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment participants has demonstrated a significant reduction in recidivism. Only 14% of participant's recidivate within the first year of successfully completing the program.

**Violence Prevention Program Grant (State-PCCD)** - This state appropriation is to support evidence-based delinquency prevention programs, violence prevention programs, and intervention programs. This is accomplished through the funding of high quality and effective juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs that are cost-effective and produce positive outcomes for youth, families and communities. These funds also support community mobilization efforts through the Communities That Care (CTC) risk-focused prevention planning process, the Resource Center for Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices, and support for the application of evidence-based practices at every stage of the Juvenile Justice System. Funding is provided to private non-profit community-based agencies/organizations and units of local government. These programs on average yield a five dollar return for every dollar invested. Examples of the types of outcomes achieved through the utilization of these types of programs include improved academic performance, improved school attendance, decreased anti-social behaviors, improved social skills and improved family relations.



**Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDRF) (State-PCCD)** - SAEDRF provides funding: to develop projects that provide research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse; to create statewide programs to educate about the dangers of substance abuse and increase public awareness of the benefits of a drug-

free Pennsylvania; to support development, enhancement, or maintenance of victim impact panels; and to devise statewide programs to educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace. The fund is generated from costs imposed on individuals who violate the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act or laws relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. SAEDRF is administered by PCCD and 50% of the costs collected under the Act are placed in this fund; the other 50% collected is retained by the counties for use in developing local programs and services.

**Endowment Act** (State-PCCD) - Act 1 of 2013 requires that funds must be spent for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and may be spent on the following categories: 1) programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse; 2) multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs); 3) child advocacy centers; 4) victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse; and 5) training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or to treat victims of child sexual abuse.

**National Forensic Science Improvement Act** (State-PCCD) - This federal program provides for projects designed to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice services.

**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Formula Grant (JJDP)** (State-PCCD) - These federal funds are made available to private non-profit community-based agencies/organizations and units of local/state government to support local and statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects/programs. Eligibility for federal JJDP Formula Grant Funds requires states to comply fully with federal requirements prohibiting the placement of status offenders and dependent, neglected or abused juveniles in secure detention facilities or correctional facilities; removing juvenile offenders from adult jails/lock-ups; and reducing the disproportionate number of minorities who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

**Non-Profit Security Grant Fund** (State-PCCD) - The Non-Profit Security Grant Fund program accepts applications via Survey Monkey for nonprofit organizations who principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate-crime incidents. Applicants are eligible for security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth that is owned or operated by the nonprofit organization.

**School Safety and Security Grant Program-Competitive** (State-PCCD) - This program is open to school entities defined as a school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school, regional charter school, approved private school, chartered school for the education of the deaf or the blind or private residential rehabilitative institution.

**School Safety and Security Grant Program-Meritorious** (State-PCCD) - This program is targeted for school districts only and is meant to provide funding for one or more activities set forth at 24 P.S. § 13-1306-B (j)(1-21;23), not funded from the PA Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools or other federal or state sources.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools coordinates school safety and security programs, collects the annual school violence statistics, coordinates antiviolence efforts, and develops policies and strategies to combat school violence.

The office supports and provides technical assistance, professional development programs, and security-related activities to support school safety in the following areas: crisis intervention, school police training, violence prevention, social/emotional wellness, and safety. The office provides these services to all local school entities.

There may also be availability of competitive-based grants to municipalities and police departments to fund School Resource Officer (SRO) programs which address school violence by establishing or enhancing school security, including costs associated with the training and compensation of school resource officers.

**Equipment Grant** (State-PDE) - The purpose of the Safe Schools Initiative Targeted Grant for Equipment is to assist school entities by providing funding for security planning, purchase of security-related technology which may include metal detectors, protective lighting, surveillance equipment, special emergency communications equipment, electronic locksets, deadbolts and theft control devices and training in the use of security-related technology. Security planning and purchase of security-related technology shall be based on safety needs identified by the school entity's board of directors, such as the institution of student, staff, and visitor identification systems, including criminal background check software.

**Program Grant** (State-PDE) - The purpose of the Safe Schools Initiative Targeted Grants is to assist school entities by providing funding for programs under their comprehensive safe school plans. This includes the planning and implementation of activities that prevent or reduce violence by and against youth on school property and/or transportation to and from school and for security-related training. Funds must be used in accordance with the criteria identified in Act 26 of 1995 as amended by Act 70 of 2013 (24 PS 13-1302A (c) & (c.1)) and fulfill the requirements of the guidelines set forth by the PDE as indicated in this request for application.

**School Resource Officer, Municipality Police Department** (State-PDE) - The purpose of the Office of Safe Schools Targeted Grants for School Resource Officer is to assist school entities, municipalities and police departments in funding programs which address school violence by establishing or enhancing school security, including costs associated with the training and compensation of school resource officers. The grant is





designed to provide funds to enable the placement of school resource officers into public and nonpublic schools across the commonwealth. Municipalities and police departments are eligible to submit an application for this grant in order to fund the placement of school resource officers in schools within their municipality.

Municipalities and police departments that receive grants shall, with the prior consent of the governing board of the school entity or nonpublic school, assign school resource officers to carry out their official duties on the premises of the school entity or nonpublic school. Municipalities and police departments cannot receive grant funds for any purpose other than for costs associated with school resource officers and are not eligible for other grants provided by the PDE Office for Safe Schools. In assigning school resource officers, police departments and municipalities must take into consideration the proportion of students enrolled in each school entity or nonpublic school.

**Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Law Enforcement Grants (JMHCP)** (Fed-DOJ-BJA) - JMHCP provides grants and technical assistance to states, local governments, and federally recognized Indian tribes. Projects must be jointly administered by a criminal or juvenile justice agency and a mental health agency. Since FY 2006, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has awarded \$70 million to 380 jurisdictions. Under the new law enforcement-dedicated small grant program, Category 2, law enforcement officials and their mental health partners will undertake planning to launch or enhance their agency-wide responses to people experiencing crises associated with mental health or co-occurring disorders.

**Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB)** (Fed-DOJ-BJA) - The goal of this initiative is to provide survivor peer support and counseling services and resources to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders nationwide.

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)** (Fed-DOJ-BJA) - The JAG Program allows states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and

information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas: 1) law enforcement programs; 2) prosecution and court programs; 3) prevention and education programs; 4) corrections and community corrections programs; 5) drug treatment and enforcement programs; 6) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; and 7) crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

**Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative: Outcomes-based Contracting To Lower Recidivism and Homelessness** (Fed-DOJ-BJA) - Outcomes-based Contracting To Lower Recidivism And Homelessness will provide assistance and funding to state, local, and tribal governments to price, write, negotiate, fund, and manage contracts that pay for reentry services tailored to individuals leaving incarceration who are at moderate to high risk for recidivism in the community and services available to individuals living in permanent supportive housing units.

**Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)** (Fed-DOJ-OJJDP) - The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks to identify training providers to serve the ICAC Task Force Program. The state and regional ICAC task forces work collaboratively as a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that prevent, interdict, and investigate technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This program furthers the Department's mission by providing training and support to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals involved in investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation.

**Forensic Laboratory Enhancement** (Fed-DOJ-NIJ) - National Institute of Justice (NIJ) provides funding through formula and discretionary awards to reduce evidence backlogs and improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Programs include:

- DNA Backlog Reduction Program (CFDA 16.471)
- Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program

**National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Competitive Grant** (Fed-DOJ-NIJ) - The goal of this grant program is to address the growing number of unsubmitted SAKs in law enforcement custody, and to help provide resolution for victims when possible. There is broad consensus that this must be accomplished through a comprehensive approach to the problem. Grant funding may be used to inventory the existing numbers of unsubmitted SAKs, test these kits, and assign designated personnel to pursue new investigative leads and prosecutions and to support victims throughout the investigation and prosecution process. Grants may also be used to develop evidence-tracking systems, train law enforcement on sexual assault investigations, conduct research on outcomes in sexual assault cases, and increase collection of offender DNA for CODIS upload purposes (in full adherence to the laws in the jurisdiction), that may lead to the identification of serious and serial sex offenders.



**Fire & Arson Investigation** (Fed-DOJ) - Fire and arson investigators examine the physical attributes of a fire scene and identify and collect physical evidence from the scene. This evidence is then analyzed to help determine if the cause of the fire was accidental or deliberate.

## Chapter Acronyms

**BJA** – Bureau of Justice Assistance

**DOJ** – Department of Justice

**NIJ** – National Institute of Justice

**OJJDP** – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

**OVW** – Office on Violence Against Women

**PCCD** – Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

**PDE** – Pennsylvania Department of Education

# Foundations

*Foundations are an excellent alternative source of funding for projects. They can complement many state and federal grants to help get your projects to completion. Below you will find a plethora of foundations that may assist you with short and long term funding commitments.*

**84 Lumber Building Hope Program** - Through our Building Hope program, 84 Lumber has actively supported local, regional, and national charitable organizations ranging from volunteer fire departments, to chapters of the Red Cross and United Way, to the national efforts of Habitat for Humanity. Our long-standing commitment for the community can be seen and felt surrounding each of our 250 store locations and that passion comes from the ground up. It starts with our employees and is embraced by the leaders of 84 Lumber. We're proud to announce that in 2020 alone, we donated more than 1.3 million to a variety of charitable causes and that corporate giving starts with you.

**Aetna Foundation** - The Aetna Foundation works at two levels. They partner with national and select international organizations, funding their pioneering approaches to improving health among large groups of people.

**Aftermath K9 Grant** - For 10 years, the Aftermath K9 Grant has given back to police departments and first responder units across the country by awarding more than \$100,000 in grants. These grants have allowed departments to purchase their very first K9, to fund safety and training equipment, and to maintain existing K9 programs. The Aftermath family is proud to support the local K9s, officers, and first responders who keep our communities safe and protected.

**All Clear Foundation** - All Clear Foundation is committed to providing career and volunteer Emergency Response communities an easily accessible and navigable system of support tools that improve their life expectancy and wellbeing- from hire through retirement. All Clear Foundation is a continually-evolving ecosystem of tools, resources, and programs for Responders and their families, made possible through the strategic alliance of our partners.

**Allegheny Health Network Sponsorship** - Improving the health of western Pennsylvanians is not only in the best interest of our communities and the region, but also the mission of Allegheny Health Network. They are proud to be part of the communities they serve and are committed to making the lives of patients, staff and friends better through the work they do.

As an enterprise, they are committed to giving back and investing in the communities they serve. Corporate sponsorship and grant programs benefit hundreds of

organizations that help create healthier communities and ultimately, healthier people.

**AmerisourceBergen Foundation: Opioid Resource Grant Program** - The AmerisourceBergen Foundation aims to improve the health and well-being of its patient populations by partnering with organizations to expand access to quality healthcare and provide resources to ensure prescription drug safety. The Foundation's Opioid Resource Grant Program will provide nonprofit organizations in communities across the United States with grants ranging up to \$100,000 to combat the epidemic of opioid misuse. Priority will be given to organizations addressing the following three key areas of focus: safe disposal, education around prevention, and innovative solutions. (Funding requests for treatment, recovery, or treatment-related research will not be considered.) Visit the Foundation's website to download the Opioid Resource Grant Program guidelines.

**Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation** - The Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation is a private charitable foundation founded by Anne Brossman Sweigart, a nationally recognized leader in business and supporter of charitable organizations and causes. The organization is committed to supporting the community which supported the Denver & Ephrata Telephone Company for over 90 years. Mrs. Sweigart established her Foundation for the purpose of aiding and assisting local worthwhile charitable organizations and causes. Each year the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation entertains submitted grant requests for funding of worthwhile charitable causes.

**Apex Officer Fund** - The Apex Officer Fund was established to provide support for law enforcement agencies and programs, police officers and their families in need of support or assistance, and individuals pursuing a degree in public safety and law enforcement. The Apex Officer Fund supports a wide variety of strategies to advance police and law enforcement efforts through innovative techniques and technologies. To be eligible applicants must:

- Complete application on Apex Officer's website.
- Answer and define: "What does it mean to be an Apex Officer?"
- Demonstrate financial need and describe the intended use of the funds.

**Arnold Ventures** - The mission of Arnold Ventures is to support organizations that are aligned with the objective of maximizing opportunity and minimizing injustice. Support is awarded through three funding entities: Laura and John Arnold Foundation (LJAF), Laura and John Arnold Donor Advised Fund (DAF), and Action Now Initiative (ANI).

**Aqua Charitable Trust** - Aqua has a strong commitment to corporate giving, focused on enriching the lives of those who live and work in the communities we serve. Over the years, Aqua has formed important partnerships with community-based nonprofit organizations within the company's territory. Through funding from the Aqua Charitable Trust, Aqua remains a strong advocate of the environment and considers additional nonprofit requests based on current commitments and budget.

**AT&T Foundation** - AT&T is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities, and improving lives. Through its philanthropic initiatives and partnerships, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation support projects that create opportunities, make connections, and address community needs where we - and our customers - live and work.

**Barker Digital Voice Stress Analyzer Grants** - In an effort to repay law enforcement and government agencies for incredible personal opportunities to our founder over the past 46 years, DVSA Software is available free through the Criminal Justice Grant Program for US agencies. The only cost is 5-day training tuition and annual recertification. DVSA Certified Examiner Courses are hosted by selected law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. DVSA software is installed on currently owned laptops thus saving precious resources. They do not provide computers or other equipment.



**Ben Roethlisberger Foundation** - The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation seeks to support police and fire departments throughout the U.S. with a particular emphasis on support for K-9 units and service dogs.

**Brothers Helping Brothers Firefighter Grants** - Brothers Helping Brothers helps small and rural E.M.S. and fire departments within the United States of America with equipment needs by donating vital life-saving tools. These underfunded E.M.S. and fire departments receive tools and equipment that ensure they can perform their duty, to save lives and protect property, safely and as efficiently as possible. Donations made directly go towards helping small and rural E.M.S. and fire departments.

**Central Susquehanna Community Foundation** - The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is a regional philanthropic organization investing endowment funds, large and small, to benefit the communities and residents of Columbia, Lower-Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, Union, and Snyder Counties in Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation awards grants through established funds, each having their own purpose, timeline and geographic service area requirements. Central Susquehanna Community Foundation administers grant programs for its affiliates and funds.

**Code 3 for Change Police Grants** - They sponsor programs that equip regional police departments with the resources to acquire best-in-class technology, cutting-edge equipment and expert training to enhance policing efforts and promote public safety. They equip injured officers with resources to address their immediate and urgent needs. They offer short-term financial support to help relieve injured officers of medical debt, and the high cost of daily living aids not covered by medical insurance (e.g. wheelchairs and handicapped vehicles).

**CSX Foundation** - CSX has a long history of investing in the communities in which it has a business or employee presence. The company, with the help of its employees, works to establish and maintain close relationships with customers and communities across the CSX network; not only by investing charitable dollars, but time, talent, transportation and in-kind donations as well. CSX considers grant, sponsorship, volunteer, transportation and in-kind requests from organizations that have been approved by the IRS as 501(c)(3) charities. Government institutions such as fire departments and schools allowed under Internal Revenue Code 170(c) are also eligible.

**Defensive Edge / SLR15 Rifles Inc.** - Defensive Edge / SLR15 Rifles, Inc. provides free rifles and training to needy agencies - they want to help agencies that need rifles but can't afford them. They regularly have demo rifles that we cannot sell as new. These rifles have had very little use and need a good home.

**Enbridge Community Investment Program** - The Enbridge Community Investment Program provides support to nonprofit organizations in the communities in the U.S. and Canada where Enbridge operates. Enbridge invests in the following focus areas:

- Safe communities, including local safety initiatives and organizations that help make communities safer places to live, safety planning and education, and humanitarian aid;
- Vibrant communities, including empowering people to achieve their full potential, building potential in youth, celebrating culture and community, and honoring Indigenous peoples and cultures; and,
- Sustainable communities, including environmental education, habitat conservation and remediation, and energy transition.



**The Energy Transfer First Responder Fund** - Provides grants to help further the primary mission of first responder organizations, including local fire departments; emergency medical services; county emergency management agencies; county, regional, and local police departments; and other eligible agencies. Grants are determined based on a competitive application and review process, and written applications are accepted on a rolling basis for the following cycle.

**Exelon Foundation** - The Exelon Foundation was founded with a mission to use the power and resources of Exelon Corporation to make the world a better place. As an independent, non-profit philanthropic organization, the foundation is funded solely by Exelon Corporation through shareholder dollars.

The Foundation's mission is to encourage respect for the environment and to strengthen the social and economic fabric of the community by supporting programs in three areas: Environmental & Energy, STEM Education, and Employee Giving.



**Firefighters Charitable Foundation (FFCF)** - The Firefighters Charitable Foundation provides funding that: assists fire and disaster victims and supports volunteer fire departments; funds fire safety programs, first aid education and helps children in need; delivers aid directly to victims through FFCF and other charitable organizations.

**Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation** - Provides first responders with live-saving equipment. Examples: vehicle extrication tools, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), bunker gear, thermal imaging cameras, automated chest compression systems, vehicle stabilization struts, bullet-proof vests, all-terrain vehicles, fire hoses.

**First Responders Children's Foundation Public Safety Grants** - First Responders Children's Foundation awards grants to individuals and to public safety agencies. Grants to individuals support children who have endured financial hardship and whose first responder parents have lost their lives or sustained serious injuries in the line of duty. Grants to public safety agencies support programs created and operated by first responders that impact children and the communities in which they live.

**FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program** - Because the majority of fires can be prevented, FM Global is pleased to offer financial support to organizations working to combat fire. Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including pre-incident planning, fire prevention education/training and arson prevention/fire investigation. If you have questions or comments, please contact them at [firepreventiongrants@fmglobal.com](mailto:firepreventiongrants@fmglobal.com).

**Foundation for Improvement of Justice** - The Foundation for Improvement of Justice was founded for the purpose of improving local, state, and federal systems of justice throughout the United States. The Foundation's mission is to recognize innovative and effective programs whose efforts have made positive influential differences in the U.S. criminal and civil judicial arenas. Through its Paul H. Chapman Awards the Foundation rewards accomplishments in the following ten categories:

- Legal reform;
- Crime prevention;
- Child protection;
- Speeding the process;
- Effecting restitution;
- Crime victims' rights;
- Alternative sentencing;
- Reducing recidivism;
- Lowering costs; and,
- Other significant efforts.

Up to seven nominees annually are awarded \$10,000 for innovative programs that have proven to be effective and can serve as models for others. These are awards given for accomplishments, not for future projects. Recipients are not required to render any further services as a condition of receiving an award.

**Gary Sinise Foundation First Responders** - The Foundation provides critical funding towards emergency relief, training, and essential equipment to ensure firefighters, police and EMTs are able to perform to the best of their abilities.

The Foundation will also help those that are severely wounded in the line of duty by building 100% mortgage-free, specially adapted smart homes, as well as home modifications, mobility devices, and adapted vehicles to restore their mobility and independence.



**GEICO Military Service Awards Program** - The GEICO Military Service Awards Program recognizes and pays tribute to the many contributions of our nation's military enlisted members as, "Citizen and Service Member." Over the years, GEICO has observed many noteworthy contributions by those who serve the civilian and military community as well as their Country. The GEICO Military Service Awards, with the support of the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation, help spotlight and publicly recognize some of the valuable and lasting contributions that enlisted members of the Armed Services make in their communities.

**General Motors Foundation** - General Motors is committed to fostering smart, safe and sustainable communities around the world. Its social investments promote economic growth through STEM education, vehicle and road safety and community development.

**Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade** - Established in 1958, the Georgia-Pacific Foundation sets aside resources to improve life in the communities where they operate. They've worked with thousands of outstanding community-based programs, service projects and disaster relief efforts, focusing investment in four areas: education, environment, enrichment and entrepreneurship.

Since 2006, the Bucket Brigade program has contributed more than \$2 million to fire departments in communities within 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific facility through cash grants as well as educational materials and National Volunteer Fire Council memberships, which all grant applicants receive. Cash grants are typically used to purchase new protective clothing like coats and boots and to replace damaged safety gear and aging equipment. Grants are awarded yearly, with applications accepted in summer and awards announced in fall. Applications are reviewed by an independent board of civilians and firefighters. Winners are determined based on need, impact of the grant and the uniqueness of the submitted story.

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**Hankin Foundaton** - Since its inception in 1984, the philanthropic arm of Hankin Group has been dedicated to supporting community institutions, non-profit organizations and other selective charitable efforts both

local and global. Hankin Foundation emphasizes building relationships with quality charitable organizations offering programs that make a difference. Hankin Foundation contributes on average to 100 charitable organizations per year.

**Hero K9 Grants** - Hero K9 is dedicated to the protection of working K9s in the public safety community. This includes law enforcement, search and rescue, and fire departments. Its mission is to provide public safety K9s with equipment to keep them safe and ready to serve the cities, counties, and states within the United States. Hero K9 works with public safety agencies across our great nation.

**Highmark Foundation** - The Highmark Foundation has been a catalyst for community and family health throughout western and central Pennsylvania as well as West Virginia. The Foundation has awarded grants to hospitals, community health centers, health service organizations, local community groups, and government agencies committed to building strategic partnerships and improving community health.

**Hopey's Heart Foundation: AED Grant Program** - The Hopey's Heart Foundation was founded to prevent Sudden Cardiac Arrest from claiming the lives of promising student athletes like Wes Leonard. It is committed to providing AEDs nationally for the prevention of heart and other injuries in student and amateur athletes through the provision of health education and medical equipment in schools, community and recreational centers. The Hopey's Heart Foundation is committed to improving sports safety and raising awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest throughout the country.

**KIDS COUNT** - KIDS COUNT data can help grants that may benefit children in your jurisdiction. KIDS Count is a great resource for Juvenile Justice statistical research for your area and for comparisons regarding other geographical areas of the U.S. The data can be viewed in the form of profiles, rankings, or raw data. Created by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count has compiled indicators of child well-being from U.S. Census data and other sources, and created an interactive online database.



**K9s for Cops** - K9s4COPs was formed to assist law enforcement agencies and school districts with the funding to purchase K9s. Fully trained law enforcement K9s cost \$20,000-\$45,000 per dog. Most agencies and school districts struggle when budgeting for the purchase of a K9.

K9s4COPs was founded to bridge this gap and ensure that the cost of a K9 never stands in the way of a community or school's safety. A K9s4COPs grant consists of a K9 and initial training for the K9 and its handler.

**K9s for Law Grants** - K9s for LAW is a charitable organization whose purpose is to grant K9 officers throughout the United States to law enforcement agencies that need assistance. This is accomplished through donations from caring and concerned citizens and businesses. K9s for LAW's mission is to promote the safety of families, schools and businesses by placing more K9 officers in communities to serve and protect.

**Land O'Lakes Foundation** - At the heart of our identity is the idea of working together for the common good—today and for future generations. That's why, each year, Land O'Lakes, Inc. donates a portion of its pretax profits to the Land O'Lakes Foundation. Through programs like Member Co-op Match, Matching Gifts to Education and the annual United Way campaign, the Foundation is fulfilling its mission to serve the many communities where our members and employees live and work. Together, they are fighting hunger, supporting education and strengthening communities.

**LYFT Foundation** - Lyft is committed to empowering non-profit organizations doing incredible work around the nation to make our communities stronger, healthier, and more equitable. Starting in January 2018, 501(c)3 nonprofits working across more than 20 cities nationwide will be eligible to apply for a Lyft Community Grant. Each month, one nonprofit in each participating region will receive a \$1,000 grant in the form of Lyft ride credit to enhance regular or one-off programs.

**M&T Bank Charitable Foundation** - The M&T Charitable Foundation strives to strengthen our communities by providing support for a diverse range of civic, cultural, health and human service organizations through grants, employee volunteerism and in-kind services. Healthy communities are the foundation of successful businesses. The M&T Charitable Foundation works in partnership with organizations that focus on improving the quality of life for our customers, employees and neighbors. Its decisions are made locally, by the people who know their communities best.

**Mary Kay Domestic Violence Shelter Grant** - Through our grant programs and awareness initiatives, they contribute to top medical scientists who are searching for a cure for breast, uterine, cervical and ovarian cancers, and by contributing to women's domestic violence shelters and supporting community outreach programs.

**MSA and DuPont Globe Gear Giveaway** - Since 2012, Globe by MSA, DuPont Personal Protection, and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have partnered to provide state-of-the-art turnout gear to fire departments in need. As the world's largest and most trusted manufacturer of structural firesuits in the world, Globe by MSA is giving back to first responders in need through MSA and DuPont's Globe Gear Giveaway program. The program launched in

2012 when Globe partnered with DuPont and the NVFC to celebrate the company's 125th anniversary by giving away turnout gear to volunteer departments in the U.S. and Canada who demonstrated their need. With the success of the 2012 program and the high demand among departments for gear, Globe, DuPont, and the NVFC created this annual gear giveaway program.

**National Emergency Medicine Association (NEMA)** - The Mission of the NEMA and its Special Programs is the prevention of injury and illness by addressing health and social issues through education, applied research, technology, and equipment.

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Resilient Communities** - The Resilient Communities program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation with support from Wells Fargo, aims to help communities in the United States and its territories, prepare, strengthen, and bounce back more quickly after a disaster. In 2020, grants will be offered in the following three categories: The Adaptation through conservation projects category will support projects that help prepare for fire, floods, droughts, and/or sea-level rise nationwide. The Community capacity building and demonstration projects category will support projects that help communities understand, organize, and take action to address risks and opportunities through improved resilience brought about by enhanced natural features and capacity building. (Grants in this category can take place anywhere in the U.S. but should address multiple cities and communities.) The Adaptation focused on affordable housing and small businesses category will support projects that advance scalable, nature-based resilience solutions benefiting affordable housing and/or small businesses in communities vulnerable to impacts from natural disasters. Grants will range from \$100,000 to \$500,000, depending on the category. Nonprofit organizations, local and state government agencies, and federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply. The pre-proposal deadline is February 18, 2020; invited full proposals must be submitted by April 28, 2020. Visit the NFWF website to review the request for proposals.

**National Science Foundation** - Cybersecurity is one of the defining issues of our time. Can we keep our networks, devices and critical systems open, safe, and secure while maintaining personal privacy? Cutting-edge, NSF-supported social and technical research -- as well as education and workforce development programs -- are helping protect our national, and personal, security.

**National Volunteer Fire Council Programs** - The NVFC administers a wide array of programs to assist fire departments, firefighters, EMS personnel, and emergency responders. These programs address issues ranging from health and safety, recruitment and retention, fire department capacity, fire prevention, and more.

**NRA Foundation Grants** - The NRA Foundation provides financial support to eligible projects, programs and organizations through its Grant Program. Each year,



volunteer committees from across the country tirelessly raise charitable dollars and generous donors make gifts that are in turn awarded as grants in support of educational and public service programs relating to the shooting sports in our communities.

The general focus of Foundation grants is to:

- Promote, advance and encourage firearms, shooting sports and hunting safety;
- Educate individuals with respect to firearms, firearms history, participation in the shooting sports, hunting safety, and marksmanship; and
- Conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques.



**Penn Medicine** - Penn Medicine faculty, staff and students throughout the organization donate their time and expertise to provide countless hours of work to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve. To help with these efforts, the Penn Medicine CAREs Grant program was established to offer institutional support to these individuals and programs in the form of grants — awarded quarterly — that can be used for the purchase of supplies and other resources needed to perform this important work in the community.

**Pinnacle** - UPMC Pinnacle proudly serves central Pennsylvania and provides exceptional health care close to where you live and work. They are focused on providing patient-focused care that benefits our patients and the community. It is the policy of UPMC Pinnacle to grant sponsorships and make contributions to organizations that further our mission to improve the health and wellness of the communities we serve.

**Project Lifesaver International Grant** - The Alzheimer's Foundation America is excited to announce a new grant program, exclusive to AFA's Project Lifesaver International members, to help fund wandering prevention programs and other public safety initiatives designed to protect individuals living with dementia-related illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease. All public safety agencies that are members of AFA and Project Lifesaver International (PLI) in good standing are welcome to apply for grant funding. Each grant award is \$5,000. Grants will be awarded twice a year. Spring Cycle: Applications are due July 1st. Fall Cycle: Applications are due November 15th.

#### **RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing Grants**

Offering pet-housing options helps families by removing a barrier to safety and allowing pets and people to escape abuse together. Multiple choices in how to implement pet-housing ensure that there is a solution for every domestic violence shelter.

**Snee-Reinhardt Charitable Foundation** - As a family foundation in Pittsburgh, PA, its philanthropic traditions are well rooted in its continued support of organizations that foster transformative programs which best serve the local community as a whole in the areas of arts and culture, education, environmental, health and medical, human services, and religion.

**Spirit of Blue Grants** - The Spirit of Blue Foundation's primary initiative is for funding safety grants to be awarded to law enforcement agencies from local to federal levels in an effort to protect their members. The grants are intended for the purchase of safety equipment through corporate sponsors of the Spirit of Blue Foundation.

#### **State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Company**

**Grants** - State Farm strives to help build safer, stronger and better educated communities across the United States. Through grants, the company focuses on three areas: safety, education, and community development. Eligible Organizations charitable contributions may be awarded to:

- Educational institutions
- Programs conducted by Municipal, county, state or federal government entities that align with the State Farm® charitable focus.
  - A. 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organizations
  - B. 501(c)(4) volunteer fire companies
  - C. 501(c)(6) chambers of commerce



**Susteen Mobile Forensics Training** - This grant is set up for law enforcement agencies to acquire much-needed Mobile Forensics Software and training for their departments. Law enforcement agencies are having trouble keeping up with increasing amounts of cases involving cell phone data. Agencies have to ship cell phones to outside sources for their mobile forensic needs. This is time-consuming and can lead to a loss of data or legal precedence. The Susteen Mobile Forensics Training Grant allows law enforcement agencies the ability to acquire their own mobile forensic software at steeply discounted prices.

Agencies can now obtain multiple licenses and receive training with the grant. 2020 Update: Recent surveys have shown that obtaining evidence data in the field is now a top priority for law enforcement agencies. The new field triage device can be acquired as part of this program or by itself.

**TD Charitable Foundation: Non-Profit Training Resource Fund** - The Non-Profit Training Resource Fund, an initiative of the TD Charitable Foundation, provides grants to charitable organizations for employees to attend approved classes and courses that will enhance job performance. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to organizations within the TD Bank market area on the East Coast that focus on affordable housing, economic development, financial literacy, or after-school and extracurricular programming. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis in 2020 and will be reviewed monthly. Visit the TD Bank's website to review the application guidelines.

**The Bayer Fund** - Bayer is committed to improving the quality of life for people around the world. As a philanthropic arm of Bayer in the United States, Bayer Fund develops programs and makes strategic investments to qualified non-profit organizations tackling big challenges – combatting malnutrition and food insecurity; enhancing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education; providing support services for patients and families managing cardiovascular disease and cancer. Bayer Fund also offers programs that encourage employees to engage in their communities via matching gifts.

**The Gary Sinise Foundation** - Through the Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responders Outreach, critical funding is provided for emergency relief, training, and essential equipment to ensure first responders are able to perform to the best of their abilities. In addition, they also help those that are severely wounded in the line of duty by building 100% mortgage-free, specially adapted smart homes, as well as home modifications, mobility devices, and adapted vehicles to restore their mobility and independence.

**The Globe Gear Giveaway offered by Globe in partnership with DuPont and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)** - Provides state-of-the-art turnout gear to fire departments in need throughout the United States and Canada. In 2019, Globe donated a total of 52 sets of gear to 13 all-volunteer or mostly-volunteer fire departments that are members of the NVFC. Each winning department will receive four sets of new turnout gear.

**The Leary Firefighters** - The Leary Firefighters Foundation considers grant requests for training, equipment, and technology for fire departments in the U.S.

**The Motorola Solutions Foundation** - The charitable arm of Motorola Solutions focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee volunteerism and education, especially engineering and information technology programming. Grant recipients must be able to demonstrate how their program provided measurable change and impact. Specific outcome reporting will be

required of all grant partners. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its giving in three key areas: STEM education, specifically focused on technology and engineering, public safety education, and first responders and public safety.

**Universal K9 Police Dog Grants** - Universal K9 solely exists to save dogs to train for law enforcement and veterans. Universal provides three grant programs including:

- Single Purpose Pit Bull Grant Program
- Single Purpose Narcotics Dog Grant Program
- Dual Purpose Police Dog Grant Program

**Universal Service Administration Co. Rural Health Care Grants** - Supporting healthcare facilities in bringing world class medical care to rural areas through increased connectivity. The Telecommunication Program provides voice and data assistance while the Healthcare Connect Fund Program provides assistance with broadband connection.

**Vested Interest in K9s** - Vested Interest in K9s has donated 3700 ballistic vests to law enforcement K9s in all 50 states. The program requires the applicant to fill out on the inquiry form to determine program eligibility. Upon internal review of information submitted through this form, the applicant is contacted within 48 hours of submission to start the application process.

**Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund** - The National Volunteer Fire Council, Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund provides a stipend of \$350 to volunteer first responders whose homes have been impacted by a state- or federally-declared disaster or a home fire. The stipend helps these firefighters and emergency personnel meet their basic needs in the aftermath of the disaster or fire.

The Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund was created in response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. Since then, the fund has also assisted volunteer first responders impacted by flooding in New York and along the Mississippi River, tornadoes in different parts of the country, Super Storm Sandy, wildfires in the West, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other large-scale disasters. To date, more than \$750,000 has been distributed to volunteer firefighters in need.

**Walmart Foundation** - Together, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation generally provide more than \$1 billion in cash and in-kind to support programs that align with our philanthropic priorities. We focus on areas where we can do the most good - combining the unique strengths of the business alongside our philanthropy. Our ability to draw on Walmart business strengths, providing more than just funding, helps our philanthropy to deliver greater societal impact. Today, Walmart.org, through the combined philanthropic efforts of both Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, creates opportunities for people to live better every day.

**9-99 Foundation** - The focus areas of the 9-99 nonprofit include PTSD Support for Law Enforcement Officers, Fallen/Injured Officers and Police K-9's, which are addressed through our programs of Emergency Relief Support, Counselors/Mental Health specialist, Public Awareness, Resources for officers and their families and K-9 Vests.

**Joseph D. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation** - The Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation (Joey D Foundation) believes that firefighters can't save lives if they can't save themselves. Too often firefighters become trapped unexpectedly due to collapse, flashover, backdraft or more and need to get out FAST. Sometimes the only way out is a window. Our organization knows this all too well – founded by people directly impacted by the FDNY "Black Sunday" where 3 firefighters lost their lives and 3 suffered life-changing injuries – all because they had no way out but a 5th story window.

That's why we are committed to providing personal safety systems and training to fire departments in need. We achieve this by awarding grants for personal safety bailout systems for firefighters, and offering seminars taught by world class instructors. We hope there's a day where every firefighter has a way out.

**Texas Roadhouse** - Whether it's supporting veterans and first responders, local sports teams, or natural disaster relief efforts, we're proud to be part of it all.

**Community Aide Foundation** - The mission of the CommunityAid Foundation is to build efficiency with local nonprofit partners addressing barriers to housing, food, and basic needs. By supporting organizations that empower individuals to meet their basic needs, we believe that the community as a whole will grow stronger in return.

**Firefighters Charitable Foundation** - The Firefighters Charitable Foundation's primary focus is to provide financial assistance to individuals who have been affected by a fire or disaster and to support other charities, institutions, and volunteer fire departments. The Foundation seeks to accomplish its mission by:

- Assisting fire and disaster victims
- Supporting volunteer fire departments
- Funding fire safety programs and first aid education and helping children in need
- Delivering aid directly to victims

**Norfolk Southern Corporate Giving** - We are excited to be offering two new, open-application grant programs in 2023. These programs are designed to support organizations that promote safe and sustainable operations, develop the local work force, and build strong, resilient communities in the 22 states where Norfolk Southern operates.

- *Safety First Grant* - The Safety-First Grant Program is designed to promote overall community safety across Norfolk Southern's 22-state network. This program is intended to support organizations that directly provide safety services or operate programs that promote safe behavior. Norfolk Southern values its relationship with first responders and established the Safety- First program, in part, to recognize and support such groups.
- *Thriving Communities Grant Program* - The Thriving Communities Grant Program is designed to promote sustainability initiatives, workforce development programs, and community resiliency efforts across Norfolk Southern's 22-state network.

**First Responders Childrens Foundation**- Our programs support first responder families all across the United States. No matter what support a first responder family needs, our Foundation is standing by to help the heroes who dedicate their lives to helping others. Our programs include direct financial assistance, mental health support, bereavement grants, college scholarships, and even toys at the holidays.

**Walmart Spark**- Last year, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation provided more than \$1.7 billion in cash and in-kind to support programs that align with our philanthropic priorities. We focus on areas where we can do the most good — combining the unique strengths of the business alongside our philanthropy. Our ability to draw on Walmart business strengths, providing more than just funding, helps our philanthropy to deliver greater social impact. Today, Walmart.org, through the combined philanthropic efforts of both Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, creates opportunities for people to live better every day.

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**Officer Down Memorial Grant Page**- The primary mission of the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP) is to honor law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. ODMP's Memorial Grant Program provide grants of up to \$1,000 to be used for the restoration or repair of existing memorials or markers, placing grave markers for fallen officers without one, or the creation of physical memorials honoring officers who have died in the line of duty.



# Acronyms

**The following pages are some of the most commonly used abbreviations or acronyms that you will find throughout the book and within the application process. Understanding acronyms in the government realm is a vital part of applying for and working within the entity's funding systems.**

## A

**AADT** – Annual Average Daily Traffic  
**AAPA** – American Association of Port Authorities  
**ADA** – Americans with Disabilities Act  
**AFG** – Assistance to Firefighters Grant  
**AG** – Attorney General (PA & U.S.)  
**AOR** – Authorized Official Representative  
**AORO** – Agency Open Records Officer  
**APA** – American Planning Association  
**AR** – Army Regulation  
**ARLE** – Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant  
**ASA(CW)** – Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
**ALN** – Assistance Listing Numbers  
**ALS** – Advanced Life Support  
**ASCE** – American Society of Civil Engineers  
**ASDSO** – Association of State Dam Safety Officials  
**ASFPM** – Association of State Floodplain Managers

## B

**BAFO** – Best And Final Offer  
**BCA** – Benefit-Cost Analysis  
**BCPGB** – Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds & Buildings  
**BEA** – Bureau of Engineering Architecture  
**BFE** – Base Flood Elevation used in FIRM Mapping  
**BJA** – Bureau of Justice Assistance  
**BIL** – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
**BLS** – Basic Life Support  
**BOP** – Bureau of Procurement  
**BOR** – Bureau of Reclamation  
**BRIC** – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities  
**BSBO** – Bureau of Small Business Opportunities  
**BUILD** – Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development

## C

**CAC** – Child Advocacy Center  
**CAFO** – Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations  
**CAP** – Continuing Authorities Program  
**CBO** – Congressional Budget Office  
**CBP** – Customs and Border Protection  
**CBP** – Community Benefits Plan  
**CDBG** – Community Development Block Grant  
**CDFI** – Community Development Financial Institution  
**CDL** – Commercial Drivers License  
**CEM** – Civil Emergency Management  
**CEQ** – Council for Environmental Quality  
**CETs** – Critical and Emerging Technologies

**CFM** – Certified Floodplain Manager  
**CFR** – Code of Federal Regulations  
**CFDA** – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
**CG** – Construction General  
**CIP** – County Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program  
**CISA** – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency  
**CEJST** – Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool  
**CMISA** – Co-Occurring Mental Illness & Substance Abuse  
**CMV** – Commercial Motor Vehicle  
**CMVOST** – Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training  
**CNMS** – Coordinated Needs Management Strategy  
**COB** – Close of Business  
**COBRA** – Coastal Barrier Resources Act  
**COI** – Conflict of Interest  
**CoP** – Community of Practice  
**COPA** – Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
**COPS** – Community Oriented Policing Services  
**CPD** – Community Policing Development  
**CPO** – Chief Procurement Officer  
**CRP** – Contractor Responsibility Program  
**CRPS** – Contractor Responsibility Program System  
**CRS** – Community Rating System  
**CS** – Commodity Specialist  
**CSBG** – Community Services Block Grant Program  
**CSID** – Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk  
**CTC** – Communities That Care  
**CVSP** – Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan

## D

**DA** – Department of Agriculture  
**DA** – District Attorney  
**DCED** – Department of Community & Economic Development  
**DCIO** – Deputy Chief Information Officer  
**DCNR** – Department of Conservation & Natural Resources  
**DCSI** – Drug Control System Improvement Program  
**DEC** – Determination of Exceptional Circumstances  
**DEIA** – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility  
**DGS** – Department of General Services  
**DEP** – Department of Environmental Protection  
**DFIRM** – Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map  
**DHS** – Department of Homeland Security (U.S.)  
**DHS** – Department of Human Services  
**DHHS** – Department of Health & Human Services (U.S.)  
**DMVA** – Department of Military & Veterans Affairs  
**DOC** – Department of Commerce

**DOC** – Department of Corrections  
**DOE** – Department of Energy  
**DOI** – Department of the Interior  
**DOL** – Department of Labor  
**DOJ** – Department of Justice  
**DOD** – Department of Defense  
**DOI** – Department of Interior  
**DOT** – Department of Transportation (U.S.)

## **E**

**E.O.** – Executive Order  
**EC** – Engineering Curricular  
**EDA** – Economic Development Administration  
**EDR** – Engineering Documentation Report  
**EIN** – Employer Identification Number  
**EIS** – Environmental Impact Statement  
**ELERV** – Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims  
**EM** – Engineering Manual  
**EMI** – Emergency Management Institute  
**EMPG** – Emergency Management Performance Grant  
**EOC** – Emergency Operations Center  
**EOP** – Emergency Operations Plan  
**ERA** – Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas  
**ESG** – Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance  
**EP** – Engineering Pamphlet  
**EPA** – Environmental Protection Agency  
**EPO** – Employee Purchase Order  
**ER** – Engineering Regulation  
**ETL** – Engineering Technical Letter

## **F**

**FA** – Fire Administration  
**FAST** – Fixing Americas Surface Transportation  
**FBO** – Faith-Based Organization  
**FC** – Fire Commissioner  
**FCCE** – Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies  
**FCEMSGP** – Fire Company & Emergency Medical Service Grant Program  
**FCSA** – Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement  
**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**FEPP** – Federal Excess Personal Property  
**FFO** – Federal Funding Opportunity  
**FFP** – Firefighter Property Program  
**FFR** – Federal Financial Report  
**FFRDC** – Federally Funded Research and Development Center  
**FHA** – Federal Housing Administration  
**FIFM-TF** – Federal Interagency Floodplain Management Task Force  
**FIRM** – Flood Insurance Rate Map  
**FIS** – Flood Insurance Study  
**FloodSMART** – FEMA's outreach for NFIP information  
**FMA** – Flood Mitigation Assistant  
**FMCSA** – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
**FOA** – Funding Opportunity Announcement

**FOIA** – Freedom of Information Act  
**FPM** – Flood Plain Management  
**FPMS** – Flood Plain Management Services program  
**FP&S** – Fire Prevention & Safety Grants  
**FRM** – Flood Risk Management  
**FS** – Forest Service  
**FWS** – Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S.)

## **G**

**GEDTF** – Gaming Economic Development Tourist Fund  
**GDM** – General Design Memorandum  
**GI** – General Investigation  
**GIS** – Geographical Information System  
**GOS** – General Operating Support  
**GRR** – General Re-evaluation Report  
**GSA** – General Services Administration  
**GTR** – Greenways Trails & Recreation Program

## **H**

**H&H** – Hydrology and Hydraulics  
**HBCUs** – Historically Black Colleges and Universities  
**HCC** – Health Care Coalition  
**HMR** – Hazardous Materials Response  
**HMGP** – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
**HP** – High Priority Grant  
**HPP** – Hospital Preparedness Program  
**HS** – Department of Homeland Security (U.S.)  
**HQ** – Headquarters  
**HUD** – Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S.)

## **I**

**ICAC** – Internet Crimes Against Children  
**ICC** – Increased Cost of Compliance  
**ICS** – Incident Command System  
**ICW** – Inspection of Completed Works  
**IDT** – Innovative Technology Deployment  
**IFRMC** – Intergovernmental Flood Risk Management Committee  
**IHE** – Institute of Higher Education  
**ITD** – Innovative Technology Deployment

## **J**

**JAG** – Justice Assistance Grant  
**JJDP** – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program  
**JMHCP** – Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program  
**JOL** – Judicial Outreach Liaison

## **L**

**LEA** – Local Education Agency  
**LED** – Light Emitting Diode  
**LEPC** – Local Emergency Planning Committee  
**LLC** – Limited Liability Company  
**LLEBG** – Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program

**LOMA** – Letter of Map Amendment

**LOMC** – Letter of Map Change

**LOMR** – Letter of Map Revision

**LRR** – Limited Re-evaluation Report

**LOI** – Letter of Interest

**LOI** – Letter of Intent

## **M**

**MAT** – Medication Assisted Treatment

**MCSAP** – Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

**MDCP** – Maintenance Deficient Correction Program

**MDIT** – Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams

**MI** – Mental Illness

**MIOTCRA** – Mentally Ill Offender Treatment & Crime Reduction Act

**MIP** – Mapping Information Platform

**MLF** – Motor License Fund

**MNUSS** – Map Needs Update Support System

**MOA** – Memorandum of Agreement

**MOU** – Memorandum of Understanding

**MPL** – Minimum Participation Levels

**MPIN** – Marketing Partner ID Number

**MRP** – Material Requirements Planning

**MS4** – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

**MSC** – Major Subordinate Command

**MSC** – Map Service Center

**MSCC** – Material Service Contract Catalog

## **N**

**NAFSMA** – National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies

**NCLS** – National Committee on Levee Safety

**NDA** – Non-Disclosure Acknowledgement

**NDMA** – National Disaster Medical System

**NEHRP** – National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program

**NEMA** – National Emergency Managers Association

**NEPA** – National Environmental Policy Act

**NFHL** – National Flood Hazard Layer

**NHTSA** – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**NIMS** – National Incident Management System

**NFIP** – National Flood Insurance Program

**NFIRA** – National Flood Insurance Reform Act 1994

**NFPA** – National Fire Protection Association

**NFPC** – National Flood Proofing Committee

**NFRMP** – National Flood Risk Management Program

**NGO** – Non-Governmental Organization

**NHMA** – Natural Hazard Mitigation Association

**NIJ** – National Institute of Justice

**NMFS** – National Marine Fisheries Service

**NMSDC** – National Minority Supplier Development Council

**NOAA** – National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

**NOFO** – Notice of Funding Opportunity

**NOI** – Notice of Intent

**NOSA** – Notice of Solicitation of Applications

**NPDES** – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

**NPMS** – National Pipeline Mapping System

**NRCS** – Natural Resources Conservation Service

**NSF** – National Science Foundation

**NVOAD** – National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

**NWS** – National Weather Service

## **O**

**O&M** – Operations and Maintenance

**OA** – Governor's Office of Administration

**OA** – Operating Administration

**OA/OIT** – Office of Administration/Office for Information Technology

**OB** – Office of the Budget

**OCC** – Office of Chief Counsel

**OEM** – Original Equipment Manufacturer

**OFCCP** – Office of Federal Contractor Compliance Programs

**OGC** – Office of General Counsel

**OIG** – Office of Inspector General

**OJJDP** – Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

**OMB** – Office of Management and Budget

**OPSG** – Operation Stonegarden

**OSFC** – Office of the State Fire Commissioner

**OSS** – Online Service System – Service used by IES to report system

**OVC** – Office of Victim Services

## **P**

**PA** – Purchasing Agent

**P.A.L.** – Provisionally Accredited Levee

**P.L.** – Public Law

**PAC** – Post Authorization Change

**PAS** – Planning Assistance to States

**PCA** – Project Cooperation Agreement

**PCI** – Pennsylvania Correctional Industries

**PCCD** – Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency

**PDE** – Pennsylvania Department of Education

**PDM** – Pre Disaster Mitigation

**PDP** – Plan Driven Procurement

**PEMA** – Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

**PENNDOT** – Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

**PENNVEST** – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority

**PHEP** – Public Health Emergency Preparedness

**PHMC** – Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

**PGL** – Planning Guidance Letter

**PgMP** – Program Management Plan

**PIR** – Project Information Report



**PLCB** – Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board  
**PM** – Project Manager  
**PM** – FEMA Procedure Memorandum  
**PMP** – Project Management Plan  
**PMR** – Physical Map Revision  
**PO** – Purchase Order  
**POWL** – Personal Object Work List  
**PPA** – Project Partnership Agreement  
**PPE** – Personal Protective Equipment  
**PR** – Performance Report  
**PR** – Purchase Requisition  
**PRP** – Pollutant Reduction Plan  
**PSER** – Public School Employee's Retirement System  
**PSFA** – Pennsylvania State Fire Academy  
**PSOB** – Public Safety Officer Benefits  
**PTAC** – Packaged Terminal Air Conditioning  
**PUC** – Public Utility Commission  
**PWEDA** – Public Works and Economic Development Act

## Q

**QA** – Quality Assurance  
**QPL** – Qualified Products List  
**QRS** – Quick Response Service

## R

**R&E** – Restoration & Enhancement  
**R&U** – Risk and Uncertainty  
**RASA** – Rights and Services Act  
**Recon** – Reconnaissance Study  
**RD** – Rural Development  
**RFA** – Rural Fire Assistance  
**RFA** – Request for Funding Assistance  
**RFI** – Request for Information  
**RFP** – Request for Proposal  
**RFQ** – Request for Quotation  
**RFQ** – Request for Qualification  
**RIP** – Rehabilitation and Inspection Program  
**RiskMAP** – FEMA's Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program  
**RIT** – Rapid Intervention Team  
**RTKL** – Right to Know Law

## S

**SAA** – State Administrative Agency  
**SAM** – System for Award Management  
**SAEDRF** – Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund  
**SAFER** – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants  
**SAFETEA-LU** – Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act- A Legacy for Users  
**SAMHSA** – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
**SAKI** – Sex Assault Kit Initiative

**SAP** – “Systeme, Anwendungen, Produkte” (Systems, Applications and Products)

**SAP** – System Analysis Program  
**SBA** – Small Business Administration  
**SBPI** – Small Business Procurement Initiative  
**SCAAP** – State Criminal Alien Assistance Program  
**SAM** – System for Award Management  
**SC2** – Strong Cities, Strong Communities Grant  
**SCSC** – State Civil Service Commission  
**SDB** – Small Diverse Business  
**SDVBE** – Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise  
**SDVOSB** – Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business  
**SERS** – State Employees Retirement System  
**SFHA** – Special Flood Hazard Area  
**SFTA** – State Fire Training Academy  
**SLFRF** – State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
**SOHP** – Safety and Occupational Health Plan  
**SOW** – Statement of Work  
**SPR** – Stakeholder Preparedness Review  
**SRM** – Supplier Relationship Management  
**SSN** – Social Security Number  
**STFA** – State Fire Training Academies  
**STOP** – Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence  
**SWOT** – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (Analysis)

## T

**TAR** – Technical Architecture Review Board  
**TCO** – Total Cost of Ownership  
**TEP** – Technical Evaluation Panel  
**THIRA** – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment  
**TMDL** – Total Maximum Daily Load  
**TSA** – Transportation Security Administration

## U

**UASI** – Urban Areas Security Initiative  
**UAT** – User Acceptance Testing  
**UCC** – Uniform Commercial Code  
**UCP** – Unified Certification Program  
**UEI** – Unique Entity Identifier  
**UFMS** – Unified Financial Management System  
**UGWD** – Unconventional Gas Well Drilling  
**UNSPSC** – United Nations Standard Products and Services Codes  
**USACE** – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**USBP** – U.S. Border Patrol  
**USDA** – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
**USDOT** – U.S. Department of Transportation  
**USEDA** – U.S. Economic Development Administration  
**USFA** – U.S. Fire Administration  
**USFS** – U.S. Forest Service  
**USFWS** – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**USGS** – U.S. Geological Survey  
**USHS** – U.S. Department of Homeland Security

## **V**

**VBE** – Veteran Business Enterprise  
**VETBIZ** – Veteran’s Business Verification Program  
**VOCA** – Victim of a Crime Act  
**VOJO** – Victims of Juvenile Offenders  
**VOSB** – Veteran-Owned Small Business  
**VTC** – Video Conferencing

## **W**

**WBE** – Women Business Enterprise  
**WBS** – Work Breakdown Structure  
**WQM** – Water Quality Management  
**WBENC** – Women’s Business Enterprise National Council  
**WOSB** – Women Owned Small Business  
**WRDA** – Water Resources Development Act

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# Letter of Support Request Form

Utilize this form to provide all relevant information to your state senator's office.

Grant Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grant / Loan

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Application ID Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of the Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief Impact of the Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*If application has been submitted. Additionally, please provide a copy of your application.

## Support Letter

Support Letter: Yes ☐ No ☐

Letter: Electronic ☐ Mail ☐

To whom would you like the support letter addressed?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

