

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (DLPS), Office of the Attorney General announces the anticipated availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of the Program: GUNSHOT DETECTION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

a) Funding Source: This program is supported by the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (“CSFRF”), FY2021.

b) Purpose: The purpose of the Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative is to provide grant funding to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in the State of New Jersey to acquire, implement, expand, or upgrade gunshot detection technology for implementation in the communities they serve. Violent crime and gun violence is a public health challenge exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, grant funding is available to law enforcement agencies serving communities demonstrating an increase in violent crime and/or gun violence for the acquisition and/or enhancement of gunshot detection technology, which includes but is not limited to: acoustic sensor systems, video management systems, automatic license plate readers (“ALPRs”), and the software necessary to integrate the three technologies into one system accessible to law enforcement in real time.

c) Available Funding: The State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, working with the Division of Criminal Justice, is making available \$7,000,000, encompassing CSFRF Grant Funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, to support the Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, supported by statistical data, and awarded pursuant to the quality of the application submitted and the pending availability of funding. Funding decisions will be made to ensure the broadest and deepest level of service coverage practicable, taking into account the type of services to be delivered, the desired outcomes, and the geographical location of the project in comparison with crime statistics and data.

Applicants may apply for any award amount, subject to review and revision, with the understanding that the total available funding is \$7,000,000. The project period will begin on or about December 1, 2022, and end on November 30, 2024, **extensions will not be granted**. All grant funding must be obligated by November 30, 2024.

d) Organizations that may apply for funding under this program: All law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in the State of New Jersey.

e) Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding: Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have had a grant or contractual relationship. Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current professional and State licenses and certifications.

For purposes of insuring compliance with interagency compatibility, all technology and software acquisitions purchased under the grant will require preapproval by the New Jersey State Police. Questions about compatibility can be directed to GUNSHOTDETECTION@NJSP.ORG.

The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applicants who cannot demonstrate proof of compliance with program requirements.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 requires agencies to register with the System for Award Management (SAM), formerly the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), to receive a Unique Entity ID (UEI), for all entities applying for a federal award or subaward. The details of subrecipient or recipient obligations regarding “System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements” are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/sam>, and are incorporated by reference here. **Applicants without a current UEI will be considered ineligible.**

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file a **completed** application, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline, which is **October 15, 2022. Incomplete or late submissions may not be considered for funding.** The State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General may also take into account an applicant’s past performance meeting goals, objectives, and reporting requirement deadlines, as well as reimbursement request accuracy.

The following scored components must be included in the application:

1. Agency Background, Mission, Experience, and Capability - 10 points

Describe in detail the agency's mission, background, and experience as it relates to the purpose and objectives of the proposed project. Explain the agency's knowledge and capability to carry out the project, based on demonstrated experience.

2. Problem Statement/Needs Assessment - 25 points

Please identify the specific problem(s), target population, and geographic area that the proposed project will address. Describe the needs and characteristics of the target population; local needs and conditions; describe existing services and identify gaps and/or barriers in services. Include current statistics and relevant crime data to substantiate the need. Applicants must provide relevant local statistics that demonstrate a rise in gun violence since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic.

3. Goals, Objectives and Implementation; and Project Work Plan - 30 points

Please specify a clear, realistic goal for the proposed project. Identify objectives that are concise, measurable, and directly relate to the goal, problem statement/needs assessment, and target population. Describe in detail the project's approach or strategy for attaining each objective. Include a project work plan (template to be provided) that specifies each objective along with the major activities, responsible staff, and feasible time frames for each objective and activity.

4. Key Project Staff - 10 points

Please identify all project management and staff. Describe how personnel are uniquely qualified to manage and implement the project.

5. Data Collection/Performance Measures/Evaluation - 10 points

Provide a description of how you will collect data, measure performance, and complete an overall evaluation of the project.

6. Budget Detail and Budget Narrative - 15 points

Applicants must provide an itemized list of costs and a narrative explanation as to why those costs are necessary to the success of the project. Costs must be specific and tied to the project objectives. Applicants should refer to the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines for a description of budget categories and allowable expenses.

f) Procedures for Eligible Organizations to Apply:

Application packages are available on the OAG website at:

<https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/>

Applicants must complete and submit an application with all applicable documents provided and signatures by the submission deadline. The provided documents must be used and may not be altered. Applications must be emailed to the following email address: GDTGrant@njdcj.org. Mailed submissions will not be accepted. Place your agency name and project title in the subject line. Applications that do not comply with the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds or the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines may not be considered. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. The submitted application may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

g) The address* of the office receiving the application:

William H. Cranford, Chief Administrative Officer
Office of the Attorney General
Division of Administration
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex 25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*** ONLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL:** GDTGrant@njdcj.org

h) Deadline: Applications must be submitted by: **October 15, 2022**. Completed applications must be emailed to GDTGrant@njdcj.org on or before **11:59p.m. on October 15, 2022**.

i) Date by which notices shall be sent of approval or disapproval of applications:

All applicants will be notified on or about **November 30, 2022**, whether or not their proposed project(s) will be funded.

Please note that award recipients must be willing to participate in data studies and violence suppression pilot studies being conducted by the DPLS if such participation is requested

Funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the DLPS of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the DLPS to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the DLPS or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the DLPS beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the DLPS to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.