

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) announces the availability of continuation funding for the following grant program:

a. Name of program:

2024 State Fiscal Year (SFY) Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program (Safe & Secure Grant Program).

b. Purpose:

The Safe & Secure Grant Program is designed to provide eligible municipalities with state funding to support the salary of law enforcement personnel to address crime in a community-oriented manner. N.J.S.A. 52:17B-159 et seq. The Department of Law and Public Safety, through OAG, administers the Safe & Secure Grant Program. N.J.A.C. 13:79-3.1 et seq.

c. Amount of money in the fund:

Funding for the Safe and Secure grant program is derived from fines imposed upon

criminal convictions. Approximately \$5,500,000 is available for distribution in the SFY 2024 funding cycle.

d. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:

Statutory threshold to participate in the Safe & Secure Grant Program is limited to municipalities that have a police department or force wherein the number of violent and nonviolent crimes per police officer exceeded 70 percent of the Statewide average of municipalities with a municipal police department or force, as reported in the 1991 Uniform Crime Report published by the Division of State Police. N.J.S.A. 52:17B-161.

Further, these municipalities must have applied for, and received, an initial Safe & Secure personnel award letter within the first two program years following August 2, 1993, even if the municipality did not immediately accept its initial grant award. N.J.A.C. 13:79-1.3.

e. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:

The Safe & Secure Grant Program requires a municipality to increase the number of law enforcement personnel through the use of grant funds, and then maintain that total number of law enforcement personnel – also known as a complement. A municipality may not participate in the Safe & Secure Grant Program if it reduces the total number of law enforcement personnel below its baseline regular complement (before those added with grant funds).

1. Eligible municipalities must pay all fringe benefit costs associated with the personnel hired, as well as all costs in excess of the grant award.

2. As a condition of the grant, a municipality agrees that it will not reduce its baseline regular complement of police officers and other law enforcement personnel (as of December 31, 1993 or as reported in the 1993 UCR).

3. A reduction in the complement of officers below a department's full complement (those added with grant funds) will result in a proportionate reduction or total loss of the grant award.

The following municipalities will receive an electronic notification letter and/or an application:

Aberdeen Township
Audubon Borough
Beachwood Borough
Belleville Town
Bellmawr Borough
Berlin Borough
Bloomfield Town
Branchburg Township
Brick Township
Bridgeton City
Bridgewater Township
Brigantine City
Brooklawn Borough
Burlington City
Butler Borough
Cherry Hill Township
Chesterfield Township
Clayton Borough
Clementon Borough
Clifton City
Collingswood Borough
Delran Township
Deptford Township
East Greenwich Township
East Rutherford Borough
Eatontown Borough
Egg Harbor Township
Elmwood Park Borough

Evesham Township
Flemington Borough
Franklin Township (Somerset)
Freehold Borough
Freehold Township
Galloway Township
Gibbsboro Borough
Glassboro Borough
Gloucester Township
Green Brook Township
Greenwich Township
Hackensack City
Haddon Township
Hamilton Township (Atlantic)
Hillsborough Township
Hi-Nella Borough
Hopatcong Borough
Howell Township
Independence Township
Jackson Township
Jersey City
Keansburg Borough
Keyport Borough
Lakewood Township
Laurel Springs Borough
Lawrence Township
Linden City
Lindenwold Borough
Little Egg Harbor
Livingston Township
Long Branch City
Lopatcong Township
Lumberton Township
Lyndhurst Township
Mansfield Township (Burlington)
Mantua Township
Maplewood Township
Middle Township
Millville City
Monroe Township (Gloucester)
Montclair Town
Moorestown Township
Mount Holly Township
Mount Laurel Township
Mullica Township
Neptune City Borough

New Brunswick City
New Hanover Township
Newton Town
North Brunswick Township
North Hanover Township
North Plainfield Borough
Northfield City
Nutley Township
Oaklyn Borough
Ocean Township (Monmouth)
Old Bridge Township
Palmyra Borough
Paramus Borough
Passaic City
Paterson City
Paulsboro Borough
Pemberton Borough
Perth Amboy City
Piscataway Township
Pitman Borough
Plainsboro Township
Pleasantville City
Plumsted Township
Pohatcong Township
Point Pleasant Beach
Prospect Park Borough
Rockaway Borough
Roselle Borough
Roselle Park Borough
Roxbury Township
Runnemede Borough
Sayreville Borough
Shrewsbury Borough
Somerdale Borough
Somers Point City
South Plainfield Borough
South Toms River Borough
Springfield Township (Burlington)
Stanhope Borough
Stratford Borough
Toms River Township (Dover, Ocean County)
Totowa Borough
Vernon Township
Vineland City
Voorhees Township
Wallington Borough

Washington Township (Gloucester)
Watchung Borough
Waterford Township
Wayne Township
Weehawken Township
West Deptford Township
West Long Branch Borough
West New York
Westville Borough
Wharton Borough
Winslow Township
Woodbridge Township
Woodbury City
Woodland Park Borough (Formerly West Paterson Borough)

The following municipalities may be eligible, but dropped out and/or have not participated in the Safe & Secure Grant Program within at least the last two years:

Atlantic City
Avalon Borough
Belmar Borough
Bradley Beach Borough
Camden City
Cinnaminson Township
Clementon Borough
Dover Town
East Brunswick Township
East Orange City
Edison Township
Egg Harbor City
Elizabeth City
Englewood City
Ewing Township
Hamilton Township (Mercer County)
Hillside Township
Irvington (2021)
Keyport Borough
Little Falls Township
Lodi Borough
Manasquan Borough
Metuchen Borough
Milford Borough
Morristown Town
Newark City
North Bergen Township
Ocean City

Orange City
Pemberton Township
Pennsauken Township
Penns Grove Borough
Plainfield City
Point Pleasant Borough
Princeton Borough
Rahway City
Raritan Township
Rockaway Township
Saddle Brook Township
Salem City
Secaucus Town
Somerville Borough
South Orange Village
Swedesboro Borough
Teaneck Township
Trenton City
Union City
Ventnor City
West Orange Town
Wildwood City
Willingboro Township
Woodlynne Borough

If any of these municipalities currently meet program requirements and would like to participate in future programs, please send an email requesting an application to Grants@njoag.gov.

f. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply:

A consolidated application and award package will be emailed to all participating municipalities for a successive continuation project. To be considered for a SFY 2024 continuation grant, an eligible municipality must file a completed application/award package via e-mail to Grants@njoag.gov within 60 days from the date listed on the e-mailed notification.

Funding is not guaranteed for delinquent or incomplete submissions.

For technical assistance, call the Office of the Attorney General, Grant Operations, at (609) 376-2445, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

g. Address of the State agency receiving the applications:

Grant Operations
Office of the Attorney General
Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
P.O. Box 080
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

* ONLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL: GRANTS@NJOAG.GOV*

h. Deadline by which applications must be submitted:

Applications should be completed and emailed to Grants@njoag.gov within 60 days from the date listed on the notification email.

i. Date by which notices shall be mailed of approval or disapproval of applications:

Applicants will be notified within 45 days of receipt of a completed application.

Please note that 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 depending upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal Legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources, as may be applicable. A failure of the Department 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 Department or an event of default under a grant agreement and the Department shall not be held

liable for any breach of a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding may not be anticipated from the Department 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 Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set in a grant agreement.