PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OFFICE OF ALTERNATIVE AND COMMUNITY RESPONSES

Notice of Availability of Funds

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP)

County Prosecutor's Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) Grant Program

The Department of Law and Public Safety (Department), Office of Alternative and Community Responses (OACR), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, announces the availability of non-competitive grant funding for the County Prosecutor's Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) Grant Program.

a. Program Name

County Prosecutor's Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) Grant Program. Funding is supported through the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22–23 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP).

b. Purpose

The purpose of this funding is to support New Jersey County Prosecutor's Offices (CPOs) in implementing the New Jersey Extreme Risk Protective Order Act of 2018 (ERPO Act), N.J.S.A. 2C:58-20 to -32.

The ERPO Act establishes procedures allowing law enforcement officers and certain family or household members to petition the court to temporarily prohibit individuals who pose an immediate and present danger of causing bodily harm to themselves or others from possessing or purchasing firearms, ammunition, firearms purchaser identification cards, or permits to purchase or carry handguns.

On August 12, 2019, the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive 19-19 establishing procedures for ERPO petitions. On August 15, 2019, the Office of the Attorney General issued Law Enforcement Directive 2019-2 establishing statewide guidelines for law enforcement and prosecutors regarding implementation of the ERPO Act.

This funding is intended to support statewide, uniform implementation of the ERPO Act and related directives by assisting CPOs with:

- Public education and outreach regarding ERPO laws and procedures;
- Stakeholder engagement and collaboration;
- Training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and related personnel;

- County-wide ERPO program development and enhancement;
- Improvements to ERPO-related information sharing and case management systems;
- Safe seizure, storage, tracking, and return of firearms and ammunition; and
- Efforts to increase public awareness of ERPO programs and their public safety benefits.

Funding may also support outreach to community members, municipal leaders, healthcare providers, victim advocacy organizations, gun violence prevention organizations, and individuals working with at-risk populations.

c. Available Funds

A total of $2,186,043 in formula funding is available to support ERPO programs in the twenty-one (21) County Prosecutor's Offices.

The base funding allocation for each County Prosecutor's Office is $104,097. If all CPOs do not participate, remaining funds may be redistributed equally among participating CPOs.

The grant project period is ***August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027***.

Applicants should not anticipate grant extensions beyond the approved project period. Extension requests may be considered by OACR on a case-by-case basis and subject to availability of funds.

Additional funding may be available for up to one additional year, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory performance, timely reporting, and compliance with all grant conditions.

Allowable Uses of Funds

Funding may be used for activities including, but not limited to:

- Improving ERPO-related data collection, recordkeeping, reporting, and case tracking systems;
- Community outreach and public awareness activities related to ERPO laws and programs;
- Training and education for law enforcement, prosecutors, stakeholders, and community partners;
- Hiring staff or covering ERPO-related overtime costs;
- Purchasing approved equipment, materials, supplies, software, or technologies;
- Enhancing coordination and information sharing among law enforcement, the judiciary, petitioners, and respondents;
- Supporting safe seizure, storage, tracking, and return of firearms and ammunition; and
- Supporting OACR-approved ERPO awareness campaign activities, including educational materials, website updates, brochures, webinars, and social media outreach.

All expenditures must receive prior approval from OACR and comply with the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines.

d. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are County Prosecutor's Offices (CPOs) within the State of New Jersey.

e. Applicant Qualifications and Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be in good standing with all state and federal agencies with which they have had a grant or contractual relationship;
- Hold all required professional licenses and certifications, where applicable; and
- Resolve any outstanding balances or arrears with the Department prior to the application deadline.

Recipients must designate an ERPO point of contact responsible for coordinating with OACR, county stakeholders, and community partners. The designated contact must attend all required OACR meetings and events, including quarterly grantee meetings.

OACR reserves the right to decline applications from agencies unable to demonstrate compliance with program requirements or prior grant conditions.

The Department may consider prior grant performance, including compliance with reporting deadlines, achievement of goals and objectives, and reimbursement request accuracy, during the review process.

Required Application Documents

Applicants must submit a complete application package using the forms provided with this NOAF and in accordance with the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines. Required documents include:

1. Applicant Information Form
2. Application Authorization
3. Project Information Form/Program Narrative
4. Project Work Plan
5. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative
6. Job Descriptions and Resumes (required for non-profit entities only)
7. Federal Single Audit Certification (not required for State agencies)
8. Proof of Federal Single Audit Compliance attachment (if applicable)
9. State Single Audit Certification (not required for State agencies)
10. Department of Law & Public Safety Debarment and Suspension Certification
11. Proof of eligibility for federal funds attachment (SAM registration)
12. New Jersey Debarred, Suspended or Disqualified Certification
13. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances

14. Department of Justice Certifications
15. ERPO Certification
16. High-Risk Disclosure Form
17. Proof of Non-Profit Status and Certification form (required for non-profit entities)
18. Proof of Non-Profit Status attachment (required for non-profit entities)

Applications approved for funding will not be eligible for award execution until all required documents are submitted.

f. Application Procedures

CPOs interested in applying must complete and submit the Authorization & Intent to Apply Form no later than June 10, 2026.

The form must be signed by an authorized official, which may include:

- The County Administrator;
- A County Commissioner or equivalent official; or
- An authorized representative of the County Prosecutor's Office.

Completed forms must be submitted via email to:

OACRgrants@njoag.gov

Applicants that fail to submit the Authorization & Intent to Apply Form by the deadline will be deemed ineligible for funding.

OACR will notify each eligible county of its maximum award allocation on or about ***June 15, 2026***.

Complete application packages must be submitted via email to OACRgrants@njoag.gov no later than ***July 24, 2026***.

Applications must include all required forms, documents, and signatures. Applicants must use the forms provided and may not alter them.

The email subject line must include:

"*[Agency Name] – FFY 22-23 ERPO Grant Application*"

Application packages are available on the Office of the Attorney General website:

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Grant Opportunities

Applications that fail to comply with the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds or the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines will not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all applications and to award funding in amounts other than those requested.

Funding is contingent upon the availability of State and/or federal appropriations.

g. Office Receiving Applications

For reference purposes only, the mailing address of the office receiving applications is:

Tiffany Wilson, Director
Office of Alternative and Community Responses
Department of Law & Public Safety
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Applications will only be accepted electronically via email at:

OACRgrants@njoag.gov

h. Application Deadlines

- Authorization & Intent to Apply Form Due: June *10, 2026*
- Complete Application Due: *July 24, 2026*

i. Award Notification

Successful applicants will be notified on or about ***August 10, 2026***. *

***Special Note:** Subawards will be executed after obtaining BJA approval as is required by the federal funding authority.

Submitted applications may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change and contingent upon the availability of state and/or federal funding. Continued funding is dependent upon satisfactory performance, compliance with grant conditions, and the availability of appropriated funds. 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 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 because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Department beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement.