Subject	**Potential Financial Assistance through the CARES Act**
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Good Afternoon

As the federal and state governments continue to navigate the current pandemic, one of the many steps they have taken is providing funding to individuals and entities across the country to assist during this unprecedented time. To help you better navigate the wide variety of funding opportunities created through the CARES act recently passed by the federal government, Preston Streufert, TJJDs Director of External Relations, has reviewed the act and provided information about several new or extended grant and loan programs contained in the act that may be relevant to your operations.

The attached document provides details of the funds portioned to the State of Texas to assist with pandemic response and several additional grant and loan opportunities that are accessible through separate applications. These programs will generally be available to juvenile probation departments through their local county governments. We urge you to review this information and work with your counties to pursue any opportunities that may be helpful to you as you coordinate your local responses to the pandemic.

Please reach out to us to let us know how we can help, or to provide clarification about these opportunities.

Appreciate all of you!

Opportunities for Local Governments through the CARES Act

On March 27th, the President signed H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This emergency legislation provides an estimated $2 trillion to individuals, businesses, and governments through various new loans, new grants, or extensions of existing program. The CARES Act is making headlines for stimulating the economy through providing direct payments to Americans who pay taxes, $500 billion to large corporations, $350 billion for small business protections, and an extra $250 million in unemployment benefits, but the CARES Act also created a $150 billion fund to be distributed to states for expenditures necessary to deal with pandemic response within 30 days of the Act's passage.

Texas is eligible to receive $11.24 billion, though local governments with populations over 500,000 can apply to the Secretary of the Treasury directly. These payments, however, directly reduce the state distribution to keep a state's share constant. See this resource from the Congressional Research Service: https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46298

Separately, Section 4003 of the CARES Act authorized use of Federal Reserve capacity to support up to $454 billion in debt issued by state governments, local governments, and eligible businesses.

More relevant to what you can do in the field, the CARES Act also provided resources to some more focused objectives:

- The Act gave an extra $25 million to the Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program with the US Department of Agriculture to encourage telemedicine and distance learning opportunities in rural areas. For questions, contact the agency contact at dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at 202-720-0800. See also program overview here: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants
- The Act added another $100 million to the USDA's ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, a pilot started at the end of last year. Among other eligible entities, local governments can apply for broadband expansion loans, grants, or combinations. The USDA recently extended the deadline to April 15th: https://www.usda.gov/reconnect
- The Act added $850 million to State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, which can be distributed according to the formulas used to distribute Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in FY 2019. The federal Bureau of Justice Assistance posted the opportunity on March 30th, and it will close May 29th: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553
- The Centers for disease Control received $2.2 billion earlier in March for COVID-19 research and response from the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, and the CARES Act provided another $4.3 billion. Some of these grants are available to local governments: https://www.cdc.gov/grants/index.html
- The CARES Act provided an addition $180 million for grants for rural health and telehealth. The agency has an FAQ, or you can start applying online (local governments eligible): https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply-for-a-grant

Subject	**Additional Information on Assistance through the CARES Act**
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Good afternoon –

All juvenile probation departments received an email earlier today that gave information about several funding opportunities available through the CARES act recently passed by the federal government. You are receiving this second email because TJJDs executive leadership has provided additional information about one of those opportunities that is available to your specific county. The attached documents provide additional information about the following grant opportunity:

- The Act added $850 million to State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, which can be distributed according to the formulas used to distribute Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in FY 2019. The federal Bureau of Justice Assistance posted the opportunity on March 30th, and it will close May 29th: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553

The attached pdf file is the grant solicitation released by the US Department of Justice on March 30, 2020, which provides details of the grant purposes, requirements and application process. This opportunity is available as an extension to those local governments that were eligible for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The attached Excel spreadsheet provides a listing of cities and counties eligible to pursue this grant opportunity and the amount of funding for which they are eligible. We encourage you to review the list and partner with your county to apply if these funds meet your local needs.

Please reach out to us to let us know how we can help, or to provide clarification about this great opportunity.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication at this critical time!

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Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 Formula Grant Solicitation

CFDA #16.034

Solicitation Release Date: March 30, 2020

Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 29, 2020

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

This solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

Eligibility

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- States, U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments that were identified as eligible for funding under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program are eligible to apply under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program solicitation. NOTE: Only the State Administering Agency that applied for FY 2019 JAG funding for a state/territory may apply for the state allocation of CESF funding.

The eligible allocations for the FY 2020 CESF Program can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/fy20-cesf-allocations.

For the purposes of the CESF Program, please note the following:

- The term “states” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. (Throughout this solicitation, each reference to a “state” or “states” includes all 56 jurisdictions.)

- The term “units of local government” includes a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribal government that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). A unit of local government also may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes; for example, in Louisiana, a unit of local government means a district attorney or parish sheriff.
- All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

Contact information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants Management System (GMS) Support Hotline at 888–549–9901, option 3, or via email at GMS.HelpDesk@usdoj.gov. The GMS Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including federal holidays

An applicant that experiences unforeseen GMS technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the NCJRS Response Center contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. Additional information on reporting technical issues appears under “Experiencing Unforeseen GMS Technical Issues” in the **How to Apply (GMS)** section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

For assistance with any other requirement of this solicitation, applicants may contact the NCJRS Response Center by telephone at 1–800–851–3420; via TTY at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only); by email at grants@ncjrs.gov; by fax to 301–240–5830; or by web chat at https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp. The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

Post-Award Legal Requirements Notice

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions, and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance). OJP strongly encourages prospective applicants to review information on post-award legal requirements and common OJP award conditions **prior** to submitting an application.

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Deadline details

Applicants must register in GMS at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/ prior to submitting an application under this solicitation. All applicants must register, even those that previously registered in GMS. Select the “Apply Online” button associated with the solicitation title. All registrations and applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time May 29, 2020.

For additional information, see the “**How to Apply (GMS)**” section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

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Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation CFDA # 16.034

A. Program Description

Overview
The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program will provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

Statutory Authority: The CESF Program is authorized by Division B of H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations); 28 U.S.C. 530C.

Permissible uses of Funds
Funds awarded under the CESF Program must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

Expenditures which require prior approval – There are no specific prohibitions under the CESF Program other than the unallowable costs that are identified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide; however, the following items should be identified during application and appropriately justified as noted:

- **Individual items costing $500,000 or more** – if the recipient intends to purchase an individual item that costs $500,000 or more, those item(s) should be identified and thoroughly justified by the grantee and receive written prior approval from BJA post-award through the submission and approval of a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN). Costs must be reasonable to receive approval.

- **Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Unmanned Aircraft (UA), and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)** – if the recipient requests to purchase an UAS, UA, and/or UAV, Federal Aviation Administration approval must be obtained as outlined here: https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=22615. Documentation related to these purchases should be included with the application or the applicant must receive written prior approval from BJA post-award through the submission and approval of a GAN.

Draw-down – Consistent with the CESF Program's purposes, which involve assistance in responding to the present national emergency in connection with the coronavirus, OJP has determined that eligible states (or State Administering Agencies) or units of local government may draw down funds either in advance or on a reimbursable basis. To draw down in advance, funds must be placed in an interest-bearing account, unless one of the exceptions

in 2 C.F.R. § 200.305(b)(8) apply. This interest-bearing account must be dedicated specifically for the CESF Program award, and funds other awards or sources may not be commingled with the funds in the account established for the CESF Program award. It is not necessary that the interest-bearing account be a "trust fund." For additional information, see 2 C.F.R. § 200.305.

Prohibition of supplanting – Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available.

Limitation on direct administrative costs – Funds may not be used for direct administrative costs that exceed 10 percent of the total award amount.

B. Federal Award Information

Maximum number of awards BJA expects to make	1,873
Period of performance start date	January 20, 2020
Period of performance duration	2 years

Recipients have the option to request a one-time, up to 12-month extension. The extension must be requested via GMS no fewer than 30 days prior to the end of the performance period.

The expected eligible allocations for the FY 2020 CESF Program can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/fy20-cesf-allocations.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by statute.

Type of Award[1]
BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls
Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements[2] as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Budget Information
This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating the "Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver" provision in the "Financial Information" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

[1] For purposes of this solicitation, the phrase "pass-through entity" includes any recipient or subrecipient that provides a subaward ("subgrant") to carry out part of the funded award or program.
[2] The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement
The CESF Program does not require a match.

Please see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the following:

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

C. Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the title page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see Section B. Federal Award Information.

D. Application and Submission Information

What an Application Should Include
See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements. (This solicitation expressly modifies the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by **not** incorporating paragraph two of that section (referring to nonresponsive applications or applications missing critical elements not "[proceeding] to peer review"). The solicitation further expressly modifies the "Application Attachments" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by **not** incorporating the "Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications," "Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees," and "Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity" provisions.)

1. **Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF)-424)**
   The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on completing the SF-424.

   Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is** subject to Executive Order 12372. An applicant may find the names and addresses of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Intergovernmental_-Review-_SPOC_01_2018_OFFM.pdf. If the applicant's state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact the State SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the state's process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, an applicant whose state appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, once the applicant has complied with its State E.O. 12372 process. (An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the response that the: "Program is subject to E.O. 12372, but has not been selected by the State for review.")

2. **Program Narrative**
   Describe the specific coronavirus prevention, preparation, and/or response efforts that will be addressed with this funding and include a summary of the types of projects or items that will be funded over the 2-year grant period.

3. **Budget Information and Associated Documentation**
   Please note that the budget narrative should include a full description of all costs, including administrative costs or indirect costs (if applicable).

   See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for details on the Budget Detail Worksheet, and on budget information and associated documentation, such as information on proposed subawards, proposed procurement contracts under awards, and pre-agreement costs.

   This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating the "Information on proposed subawards" provision in the "Budget Preparation and Submission Information" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. Specifically, OJP is suspending the requirements for CESF grant recipients to receive prior approval (either at the time of award or through a Grant Adjustment Notice) before making subawards.

   For additional information regarding subawards and authorizations, please refer to the subaward section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Please see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the following:

4. **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**
   See the Budget Preparation and Submission Information section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information.

5. **Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high risk status)**

6. **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

How to Apply
An applicant must submit its application through GMS, which provides support for the application, award, and management of awards at OJP. Find information, registration, and submission steps on how to apply in GMS in response to this solicitation under **How to Apply (GMS)** in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

E. Application Review Information

Review Process
BJA reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the solicitation. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the application review process.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed $250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the nonpublic segment of the

integrity and performance system accessible through the System for Award Management (SAM) (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant, at its option, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, the Assistant Attorney General will make all final award decisions.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Please see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the following:

Federal Award Notices

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements
OJP strongly encourages prospective applicants to review information on post-award legal requirements and common OJP award conditions **prior** to submitting an application.

In addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions, and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance).

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements
Any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit the following reports and data:

Required reports. Recipients typically must submit quarterly financial status reports, semi-annual progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements.

OJP may restrict access to award funds if a recipient of an OJP award fails to report in a timely manner.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see page 2 of this solicitation.

For contact information for GMS, see page 2.

H. Other Information

Please see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the following:

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)

Provide Feedback to OJP

Appendix A: Application Checklist

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program: FY 2020 Solicitation

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application.

What an Applicant Should Do:

Prior to Registering in GMS:

- ☐ Acquire a DUNS Number (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- ☐ Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

To Register with GMS:

- ☐ For new users, acquire a GMS username and password* (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- ☐ For existing users, check GMS username and password* to ensure account access (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- ☐ Verify SAM registration in GMS (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- ☐ Search for and select correct funding opportunity in GMS (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- ☐ Register by selecting the "Apply Online" button associated with the funding opportunity title (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- ☐ Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

If experiencing technical difficulties in GMS, contact the NCJRS Response Center (see page 2)

*Password Reset Notice – GMS users are reminded that while password reset capabilities exist, this function is only associated with points of contact designated within GMS at the time the account was established. Neither OJP nor the GMS Help Desk will initiate a password reset unless requested by the authorized official or a designated point of contact associated with an award or application.

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- ☐ Review the "Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2020 Awards" in the OJP Funding Resource Center.

Scope Requirement:

- The eligible allocations for the FY 2020 CESF Program can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/fy20-cesf-allocations.

Eligibility Requirement:

States, U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments that were identified as eligible for funding under the FY 2019 State and Local JAG Program will be eligible to apply under the CESF Program solicitation. NOTE: Only the State Administering Agency that applied for FY 2019 JAG funding for a state/territory may apply for the state allocation of CESF funding.

What an Application Should Include:

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Intergovernmental Review (see page 6)
- Program Narrative (see page 7)
- Budget Detail Worksheet (see page 7)
- Budget Narrative (see page 7)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see page 7)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)