

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)

FY 25 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Applicant Technical Assistance March 12, 2024 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

http://goccp.maryland.gov/grants/



About Us: Our Mission

- To serve as a coordinating office that advises the Governor on criminal justice strategies.
- The office plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.

Criminal Justice Grants Division: Introductions



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Technical Assistance Objectives

Understand key concepts of submitting a proposal to the Office, including:

- Accessing the Grants Management System (GMS)
- Reviewing: GMS Application Instructions
- Referring to the NOFA Checklist and Required Forms
- Peer Learning/ Frequently Asked Questions
- Feedback & Survey

Our Award Cycle



FINDING FUNDING

PREPARE PROPOSAL SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

AWARD ACCEPTANCE

AWARD SET-UP AWARD MONITORING AWARD CLOSING



Grants Management System (GMS): Access

For new GMS users, please follow the instructions under Request GMS Access webpage:

http://goccp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/

For GMS technical support (system support such as GMS access/login), please contact our GMS Help Desk via the following email:

• <u>support@goccp.freshdesk.com</u>

For GMS resources, please use the following link:

http://goccp.maryland.gov/grants/gms-help-videos/





Grant Application Submission

- Introduction of Notices of Funding Availability & NOFA Instruction
 - http://goccp.maryland.gov/programs/ (review specific NOFA)
 - https://goccp.maryland.gov/gms-application-instructions/ submission of line items/narrative in GMS)
- Facesheet and Grant Application
- Officers, Services Sites, Summary, and Narrative
- Budget
- Electronic Submission

Application Process Overview



GOCPP Releases NOFA

All competitive grant programs will be released via the GMS and office's website

Final Approval

All funding recommendations are sent to the Executive Director for final approval

Proposal Evaluations

All proposals are reviewed by panel (min. of 3) and scored based on NOFA criteria

Application Submission

All applications must be submitted via the GMS by the noted deadline.

Internal Technical Review

Review to ensure all required forms are received and proposal falls within the NOFA guidelines

Application Face Sheet Highlights



Refer to Page 4 of the <u>GMS Application Instructions</u>

- Project Title <u>Short</u> and Precise reflecting your project.
- Applicant Agency The agency overseeing the Implementing Agency, if required
- Implementing Agency The name of the organization implementing the project
- Authorized Official The person who maintains the legal authority for your agency
- Service Sites Add all the sites/locations where implementation will take place
- Proposed Start/End Dates the grant period 7/1/2024 6/30/2025
- Preparer Information who prepared the application include the contact information.





Using the Officers' Tab, the following personnel must be included:

- Project Director person in charge of the project and coordinating with this office; uploading required documents; completing the quarterly Programmatic Reports.
- Fiscal Officer person responsible for submitting the quarterly Financial Report; submitting invoices and/or receipts.
- Civil Rights Contact person responsible for handling internal civil rights violation complaints

The deadline to request New GMS Users access is noted in the NOFA under Important Dates section.

Please follow the instructions on the Request GMS Access Webpage.





Title: Community Outdoor Space Improvement Program (COSI)

Purpose: To improve the physical appearance and functionality of public outdoor spaces

Eligibility: County Government Agencies

We will use this sample program throughout the presentation to illustrate different sections of the application narrative

Project Summary Highlights



The Project Summary should provide a concise summary of your proposal and be limited to **100 words or less**.

Use the template below for your project summary.

The	_(Implementing Agency's Name) ¹	(Project Title)	
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program	4 Program funds will support		5

Reference: Page 6-7 of the GMS Application Instructions



COSI Project Summary Samples

Good:

Lennig County's "Play Space For All" project will improve the accessibility of 5 county-owned playgrounds by adding in ADA compliant features and play structures to encourage use by all county residents. Grant funds will be used for construction and maintenance costs.

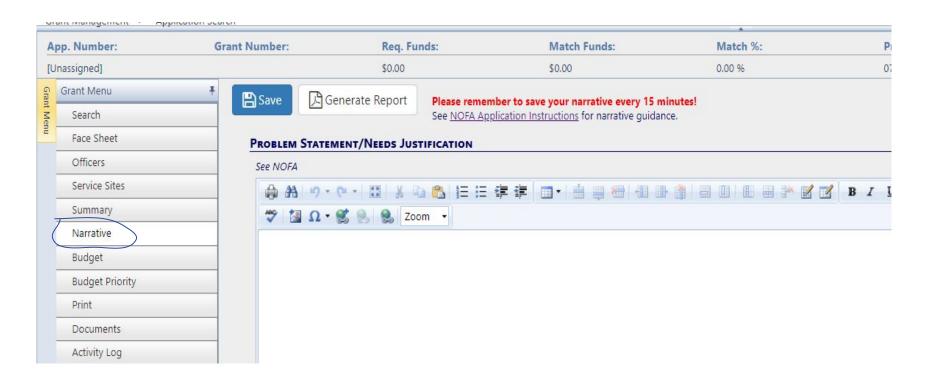
Not so great:

This project will make playgrounds better.

Application Narrative Overview



There are 8 required sections for the Narrative. Please refer to pages 7-11 of the <u>GMS Application Instructions</u> for more details.



Application Narrative Overview

Section	Points	Central Question
Problem Statement/Needs Justification	15	Why do you need this grant?
Project Goals and Objectives	20	What are you going to do with the grant?
Project Strategy/ Logic Model	10	How/Why do you think your project will work?
Program Measurement	20	How will you know if your project is successful?
Timeline	5	When will you be implementing the grant?
Spending Plan & Budget	20	What/when will grant funds be used for?
Management Capabilities	5	Who will be managing the grant?
Sustainability	5	How will this grant make a difference after the funding period?

Application Narrative- Problem Statement/Needs Justification



Central Question: Why do you need this grant?

- Include a detailed description of the nature and extent of the problem and/or need to be addressed
- Discuss the target population and or geographical area served.
- Provide the latest statistical data to document the problem. Be sure to include data that is as LOCAL to your project as possible.
- What efforts, if any, have been made to address this problem in the past? Why were these efforts not sufficient in solving the problem?
- Refer to the Grant Program NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.



COSI Problem Statement Samples

Good: This grant will serve 5 dilapidated playgrounds in Lennig county. These playgrounds all contain rusted equipment, slides and swings that no longer comply with safety requirements, and do not contain any ADA accessible features. A survey of 100 local residents noted that 85% were reluctant to use these playgrounds due to these issues. We previously revitalized these areas in 1986, but over time the equipment has eroded and requires replacement again.

Not so great: National research from the Hammond Group in 2003 showed that most people prefer to use playgrounds that are located in wooded areas. It's important that we plant more trees at our area playgrounds.



Application Narrative- Project Goals and Objectives

Central Question: What are you going to do with the grant?

- Provide a statement that conveys the goals of the project. Goals identify the program's intended short and long-term results.
- Identify specific objectives you wish to accomplish through the implementation of the project.
- Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the project's desired results, and should include the target level of achievement
- Please note that if the continuation of a project previously funded by the Office is being requested, a description of how the goals and objectives continue or build upon previous efforts must be included.



COSI Goals and Objectives Samples

Good:

Goal 1: Improve the safety of our 5 targeted playgrounds

Objective 1: Remove all swingsets and slide structures from each playground

Action step: Finalize MOU with Alban Construction by May 30th.
Objective 2: Ensure all playgrounds meet state or surpass all state-mandated safety guidelines.

Action step: Schedule and complete state safety inspection by November 30th.

Not so great:

Goal 1: Improve area playgrounds

Objective: Residents will increase their use of the playgrounds

Objective: Install better equipment

Application Narrative- Project Strategy/ Logic Model



Central Question: How/why do you think your project will work?

- Explain in some detail how the project will address the problem and accomplish the project goals and objectives.
- Include linkages to other programs, organizations, and stakeholders that will be involved in or impacted by the project.
- The strategy should be based on an underlying logic—i.e., a set of assumptions regarding the services the project provides, the impacts these services will have on the clients it serves, and the projected results within the community or the targeted population.
- Also, refer to the NOFA for any program-specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.



COSI Program Strategy Samples

Good:

The overall goal of our program is to improve the safety of our 5 targeted playgrounds. In order to achieve this, we will be partnering with Alban Construction, a nationally-recognized leader in play safety engineering. With guidance from Alban, we have selected equipment made from polycarb Sulfonate composite materials, which research studies have shown can reduce common playground injuries by 60%, compared to wood and metal structures. This type of equipment was installed in playgrounds in Schisler County in 2020, and in addition to a reduction in safety incidents, that county reports a 500% increase in playground usage.

Not so great:

In order to improve playground safety, we will be installing new equipment. This new equipment will also look brighter and more inviting to area residents.



Application Narrative- Program Measurement

Central Question: How will you know if your project is successful?

- How does your agency plans to measure the success/impact of the proposed project?
- Include the required program measures included in the NOFA
- Discuss what tools you will use to gather and analyze the necessary data
- Identify the initial and long-term output Measures, outcome measures, and intended impacts for your project
- If this is a continuation project, what were the results of your prior project?



COSI Program Measurement Samples

Good:

Short term Goal: Improve the safety of our 5 identified playgrounds

Measure: All 5 playgrounds will receive a score of 85% or better

Tool: State playground safety inspection

Long term goal: Increase our residents' usage of the 5 identified playgrounds

Measure: The attendance at area playgrounds will increase by 500% by July

2025

Tool: Site supervisor data reports of attendees between 11am and 12pm every

Saturday

Not so great:

Below is a list of the required Performance Measures listed in the NOFA:



Application Narrative- Timeline

Central Question: When will you be implementing the grant?

Applicants must submit a detailed timeline/work plan. This timeline/work plan must include the following:

- Key tasks that must be carried out to implement the project successfully
- Person(s) responsible for seeing that each task is completed within the proposed timeline
- Target dates for task completion
- Timeframe for achieving objectives



COSI Timeline Samples

Good:

Action step: Finalize MOU with Alban Construction

Responsible Staff Member: Sam Sanderson

Target Date: May 30th

Not so great:

Playground demolition will be completed by May 30th. Playground Installation will be completed by September 30th.



Application Narrative-Spending Plan

Central Question: What/when will grant funds be used for?

- Provide a detailed timeline for the implementation of each budgeted line item.
- Hiring, obligation of funds, equipment delivery, anticipated payments
- Make sure all budgeted items are fully justified in the budget section, including all required cost calculations and relation to project success.
- Refer to the NOFA for any program specific requirements that should be included in this narrative section.



COSI Spending Plan Samples

Good:

Polycarb Sulfonate Composite Slides (Spirals): Each of the 5 playgrounds will have 1 tower spiral slide installed at a cost of \$5000 each. This cost is reasonable as these slides at 200% more durable than metal slides.

Order by deadline: May 30th

Projected delivery and invoice date: September 2023

Reimbursement request date: Quarter 2

Not so great:

Slides: \$25,000

Murals: \$18,000

Benches: \$2,000



Application Narrative- Management Capabilities

Central Question: Who will be managing the grant?

- Provide a brief description of the Implementing Agency's experience and achievements that qualify the agency to conduct the project.
- Identify the individuals that will be responsible for the implementation and overseeing of the project
 - Note the individual's experience and achievements related to the project
- Indicate how all requested staff are currently funded (i.e., provide the entire budget for each position).
 - If funded by more than one source, list percentages for each funding source.

COSI Management Capabilities Samples



Good:

Alban Construction has been building playgrounds for over 25 years for the community. The Project Director, Sam Sanderson, will manage this project. Sam is a graduate of Lennig County College and holds a masters degree in construction project management. Sam's salary is currently fully funded by the county, and he will take on project oversight as part of his regular duties.

Not so great:

Project Director: Sam Sanderson will manage this project. He is a county employee and we are seeking 50% of his salary to be funded through this grant. We estimate he will spend 10% of his time on this project.



Application Narrative- Sustainability

Central Question: How will this grant make a difference after the funding period?

- What efforts have been or will be made to continue the methods, techniques, and operational aspects of the project when the grant funds are concluded?
- Indicate planned future sources of funding or proposed jurisdictional planning efforts.





Good:

Once this project is complete, it is estimated that the equipment should last for 30 years. We have secured a maintenance contract with Abraham Land Management to be paid through the county budget to inspect and repair the playground every quarter

Not so great:

Once the project is complete, we should not need any further grant funds. If we encounter maintenance costs, we will find additional funding.





Disclosure of Pending Applications

- Supplanting is prohibited, but leveraging of federal funding is encouraged.
- Applicants are required to disclose whether they have pending applications for federally funded assistance that will support the same project and cover identical budget items.
- Refer to page 8 of <u>GMS Application</u> <u>Instructions</u> for additional requirements

SAM Registration/ Unique Entity Identifier

- ALL applicants must comply with all applicable System of Award Management (SAM) unique entity identifier (UEI) requirements.
- Access to SAM: https://sam.gov/SAM/
- Snapshot of UEI should be uploaded to the document section of your application



SYSTEM OF AWARD MANAGEMENT

- Link: https://sam.gov/content/home
 - Streamlined with federal login.gov access
- SAM.gov Online Assistance
- Subrecipients must keep their organization registration active for the duration of the award.
- Non-active registration will cause a delay in reimbursement
- No cost to applicants to access this service to register/validate annually.

Budget Highlights



- Budgets must be clear and specific. Budgets must reflect one year of spending and where applicable, be adjusted to reflect the start date and holidays. The grant cycle will reflect twelve (12) months, unless explicitly stated in the NOFA.
- The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy reserves the right to reduce budgets.
- Each budget line item must include a justification entry. The justification sections must contain brief statements (1 to 2 sentences per line item) that explain each line item and their relevance to the project goals and objectives. Do not state
 "See Narrative, Goals, or Objectives".
- Refer to pages 12-18 of the <u>GMS Application Instructions</u> for more information on the budget requirements.

Budget Highlights- Cont.

• There are 6 different budget categories within the GMS. Please refer to the specific NOFA to identify the Allowable and Unallowable Costs and to ensure line items are placed in the appropriate budget categories.



Budget Categories Highlights



Personnel

- This should only include the Salary/Overtime/Fringe of individuals directly from the Implementing Agency. Time and Effort reports must be maintained for all personnel. Resource: <u>Time and Efforts Guidance</u>
- Information Needed: Hourly Rate, Annual Salary, % of time or estimated # of hours, and brief job description (1-3 sentences)

Operating Expenses

 Example of line items: office supplies, rental space, printing, and communications. Each budgeted items requires a justification and breakdown of cost

Travel

 All travel expenses must follow the local jurisdiction's travel regulations and cannot exceed Maryland's reimbursement rates. Refer to page 15 of the <u>GMS</u> <u>Application Instructions</u> for the specific rates

Budget Categories Highlights- Cont.



Contractual Services

- All contracted services (paying for services or goods to an external agency) should be listed under this category. All contracts associated with these items should be uploaded with application.
- For Consultants, there is a \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour limitation. Rates above this threshold may be considered on a case by case basis with sufficient budget justification.

Equipment

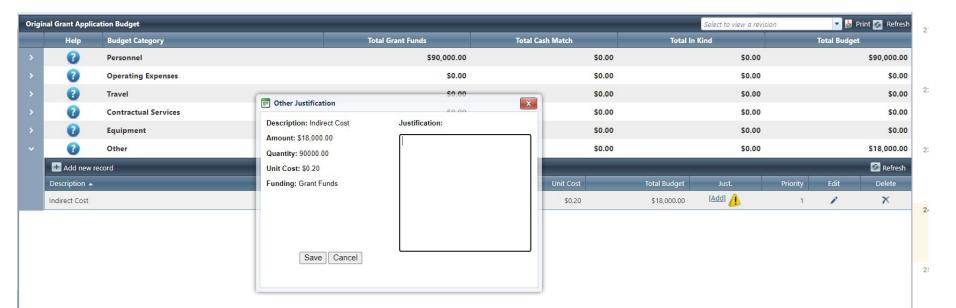
- Equipment is defined as having a useful life in excess of one year and a procurement cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. Costs may include taxes, delivery, installation and similarly related charges. Property Inventory Report Form (PIRF) will be required Post-Award.
- Equipment with a unit cost less than \$5,000 should be recorded in the 'Other' category.

Budget Categories Highlights- Cont.



Other

- Include all other anticipated expenditures which are not included in the previous categories such as registration fees, program supplies, and equipment with a useful life less than one year and a procurement cost of less than \$5,000.
- Indirect Cost should be included under this Category. Refer to page 16-17 of the <u>GMS Application Instructions</u> for more details:
 - A copy of federally approved IDC rate must be uploaded with your application.
 - A calculation of the indirect cost should be included in the line item justification



Budget Priority Highlights



After completing the Budget Tab, click on the **Budget Priority Tab** in the GMS. This tab will provide a list of all budget line items added. The Budget Priority tab allows the applicant to 'drag and drop' the budget line items in order of priority for funding, beginning with the most essential line item.

NOTE: GOCPP will try to follow this priority list if budget cuts are necessary.







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- Please refer to the NOFA-specific Checklist for a complete list of required documents.
- For all applicants, the following documents are required:
 - 1. Signed Certified Assurances Form
 - 2. Signed Certification Regarding Lobbying Form
 - 3. Screenshot of SAM.gov Registration/Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number
 - 4. <u>Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements and Required Financial Reporting Uploading Form</u>
 - 5. Subrecipient Organizational Capacity Questionnaire Form

LISTING OF REQUIRED FORMS



<u>Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements and Required Financial Reporting Uploading Form</u>



WES MOORE Governor

ARUNA MILLER Lieutenant Governor DOROTHY LENNIG Executive Director

Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements

Directions: The designated Authorized Official of all GOCPP award applicants must utilize this form to annually certify which reporting requirements apply to the applicant entity. Complete the form, checking one box in all numbered statements. Submit this document with the indicated financial reporting documentation for the most recently ended fiscal year to the GMS with each grant application.

Applicant Entity Name:	
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MD Solicitations Act § 6-402 (b)(7): A charitable organization must file an audited financial statement prepared by an independent CPA if the gross income from charitable contributions is at least \$750,000. For organizations with gross annual contributions between \$300,000–\$750,000, financial statements must be reviewed or audited by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA).





Subrecipient Organizational Capacity Questionnaire Form



Subrecipient Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (SOCQ)

Instructions: The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's (GOCPP) desk review and site visit compliance areas, for issuing subaward, include administering a pre-award assessment tool to determine risk and monitoring levels. The SOCQ is a checklist used to review an applicant's organizational stability, financial management practices, and program operations. SOCQ is part of a complete application submitted in the Grants Management System (GMS) by the due date. In addition, applicants must upload supporting Policy and Procedure attachments in the "Document" section of the online GMS. This form must be reliable information collected from applicant entity's Chief Executive or Financial Officer.

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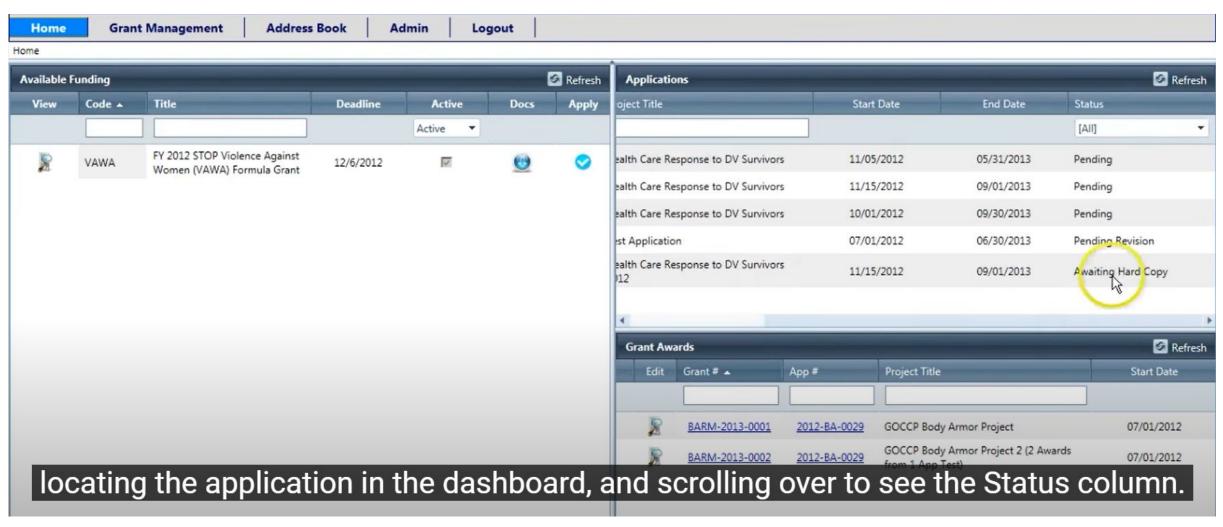




- GMS submission is required. Hard copy applications <u>are not</u> accepted.
 - Note: Once your application is submitted it will display "Awaiting Hard Copy"
- Review Application Checklist.
 - Make sure all items that are that are listed as "Required" are included/uploaded in the GMS before your application submission.
 - Certified Assurance
 - Anti-lobbying
 - Snapshot of SAM.Gov/UEI
- Do NOT open the GMS in two separate tabs in the same browser window
 - To avoid GMS glitches, try to copy and paste information from a separate file or different web browser (ie. Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Google Chrome).
- Contact Grant Manager or Policy contact listed in the NOFA on page 2.



GMS SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION







Deadline to Request GMS User ID	April 10, 2024	
Deadline to Submit an Application	Friday, April 19th, 2024 by 11:59 PM	
Funding Decision	June 2024	
Project Start Date	July 1, 2024	
Project End Date	June 30, 2025	





- The following criminal justice related NOFAs will be released in the next 1-2 weeks:
 - Protecting Against Hate Crimes (PAHC)
 - Domestic Violence Unit Pilot Program (DVUP)
 - Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)
 - Violence Intervention & Prevention Program (VIPP)
 - Community Grant Program Fund (CGPF)
 - Police Recruitment and Retention Program (PRAR)
 - Adult Day Report Center Program (DRCE)
- Please continue to check our <u>website</u> for released funding opportunities.



Any Questions?

Break Out Session: Meeting w/ Grant Managers



If you have program-specific questions about our grant programs, please attend one of the following breakout meeting rooms to speak directly to a Program Manager.

Main Room: PIGF

Breakout Room: BARM

Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement (BARM)



NOFA link: <u>State Fiscal Year 2025 Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement</u> (BARM) - Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Purpose: To purchase/procure body armor to protect sworn officers

Eligibility Entities: Local law enforcement agencies

Funding Amount Available: \$49,088 # of Awards: 5 to 15

Allowable Costs: Bulletproof vests

Due Date: April 19, 2024 11:59 PM

Grant Manager email: Genevra.Farrare@maryland.gov / Quentin.Jones@maryland.gov

Policy Specialist email: Angelo.Giafes@maryland.gov

Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF)



NOFA link: https://goccp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/SFY25-PIGF-NOFA.pdf

Purpose: Reduce Maryland's state and local incarcerated population through appropriate diversion, deflection, service provision and recidivism reduction resources.

Eligible Entities: State agencies, County government agencies, Non-profits

Funding Amount Available: \$12,500,000.00 # of Awards: 45

Due Date: April 19th, 2024 by 11:59 PM

Grant Manager email: emily.archer@maryland.gov

Policy Specialist email: carly.Seidman@maryland.gov, brandi.cahn1@maryland.gov

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PIGF- Funding Breakdown and Eligible Initiatives



State Agencies: \$5,000,000 total available, up to \$1,000,000 per individual awards

Initiatives: Reentry services, Behavioral health treatment, Victims' services, Training for state employees, Alternatives to Incarceration

County Agencies and Nonprofits: \$7,500,000 available, up to \$400,000 per individual awards

Initiatives: Reentry services, Behavioral health treatment, Victims' services, Alternatives to incarceration, Pretrial services





Allowable:

Personnel: Full or partial salaries for direct service providers, prorated salaries for administrative support. Up to 10% salary for managerial roles, and up to 5% salary for executive directors

Operating Costs: Prorated facilities costs, tolorome

Operating Costs: Prorated facilities costs, telecom, and printing costs tied directly to grant program

Travel: Costs associated with attending PIGF-specific trainings and meetings

Contractual: 3rd party direct service providers, clinician, security personnel, and trainers.

Equipment: Over \$5,000 per unit directly tied to grant needs

Other: Indirect costs, any thing needed for programmatic success not specifically listed above, client/participant support needs (considered on case-by-case basis

Unallowable:

Personnel: Full salaries for non-direct service providers

Operating costs: full cost of agency rent and utilities, capital improvement costs, construction costs

Travel: Costs in excess of the GSA per-diem rates by locality

Contractual: Costs in excess of \$650 per day per

contracted individual

Equipment: Vehicle purchases

Other: Indirect costs in excess of negotiated federal rate or 10% de minimis, any item that cannot be directly tied to grant needs



Any Feedback?

Please use the below link to complete our FY25 NOFA TA Survey so that we can improve our calls in the future.

Link: https://forms.gle/1VsrUarByPyYYnSq5

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Grants Management System - Technical Support:

support@goccp.freshdesk.com