



Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office
Criminal Justice Division
Funding Announcement: **Coronavirus
Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF)
Program, FY2020**

Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that seek to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Available Funding

Federal Funds are authorized under Division B of H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 116136 (Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations); 28 U.S.C. 530C. CESF funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Texas expects to make approximately \$37.8 million available to local units of government through regionally based allocations using the Regional Councils of Governments boundaries. Please see the Regionally Based Allocations Appendix at the end of this announcement for more information.

Eligible Organizations

Applications may be submitted by Native American tribes and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes.

Note: Units of local government eligible for a direct award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) should first seek funds directly through BJA. The list of local allocations for direct BJA awards to Texas jurisdictions can be found [here](#), and the federal solicitation is available [here](#). Applications are due to BJA by May 29, 2020.

Application Process

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding. For more instructions and information, see *Developing a Good Project Narrative Guide*, available [here](#).

Key Dates

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	04/15/2020
Online System Opening Date	04/15/2020
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	06/15/2020 at 5:00pm CST
Earliest Project Start Date	02/01/2020

***Applications will be reviewed and processed as they are received. PSO intends to issue awards in an expeditious manner and encourages applicants to submit prior to the deadline in order to receive notification of an award as soon as reasonable. ***

Project Period

Projects must begin on or after 02/01/2020 and may not exceed a 12-month project period.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the State Uniform Grant Management Standards ([UGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

Funds 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.

Examples of allowable costs include:

- Personnel Overtime (Peace Officer, Jailer, Correctional Officer, Medical, and other Essential Staff)
- Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Supplies (i.e. gloves, masks, sanitizer, disinfectant)
- Temporary Staff
- Medical care for inmates that have tested positive for COVID-19
- Any other costs associated with the implementation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [COVID-19 Guidance documents](#), specifically:

- [Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)
- [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points \(PSAPs\) for COVID-19 in the United States](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Eligibility Requirements

1. Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Beginning January 1, 2020, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions within seven business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety. By January 1, 2021, such reporting must take place within five business days.

2. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.
3. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD).
4. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all

provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

5. Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
6. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://sam.gov/>.

Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue; and
2. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

Selection Process

Application Screening: PSO will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement, to understand the overall demand for the program and to identify significant variations in costs per item. After this review, the Office of the Governor will determine if eligible applications can be funded based on funds available, if there are cost-effectiveness benefits to normalizing or setting limits on the range of costs, and if other fair-share cuts may allow for broader distribution and a higher number of projects while still remaining effective.

Final Decisions: The PSO executive director will consider staff recommendations along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, state government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

PSO may not fund all applications or may only award part of the amount requested. In the event that funding requests exceed available funds, PSO may revise projects to address a more limited focus.

Contact Information

For more information, contact the eGrants help desk at eGrants@gov.texas.gov or (512) 463-1919.

Regionally Based Allocations Appendix

Texas is divided into 24 regions, each served by a voluntary organization of local governmental entities that coordinate programs and services to address needs that cross jurisdictional boundaries. PSO will use the allocations below as a guide when making funding decisions for applications within each region. Funds remaining within a regionally based allocation after all eligible applications have been selected for award from that region may be reallocated to other regions.

Please visit <https://txregionalcouncil.org/regional-councils/> to determine which Council of Governments region your jurisdiction belongs to.

Region ID	Council of Governments Region	Allocation
100	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	\$667,179
200	South Plains Association of Governments	\$808,781
300	Nortex Regional Planning Commission	\$303,721
400	North Central Texas Council of Governments	\$9,621,787
500	Ark-Tex Council of Governments	\$425,973
600	East Texas Council of Governments	\$1,208,554
700	West Central Texas Council of Governments	\$568,229
800	Rio Grande Council of Governments	\$1,081,360
900	Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	\$560,201
1000	Concho Valley Council of Governments	\$208,130
1100	Heart of Texas Council of Governments	\$547,493
1200	Capital Area Council of Governments	\$2,787,712
1300	Brazos Valley Council of Governments	\$546,364
1400	Deep East Texas Council of Governments	\$520,349
1500	South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	\$683,216
1600	Houston-Galveston Area Council	\$10,128,457
1700	Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	\$346,150
1800	Alamo Area Council of Governments	\$3,053,904
1900	South Texas Development Council	\$497,798
2000	Coastal Bend Council of Governments	\$721,989
2100	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	\$1,351,751
2200	Texoma Council of Governments	\$274,438
2300	Central Texas Council of Governments	\$555,328
2400	Middle Rio Grande Development Council	\$309,421
	Total	\$37,778,284