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Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

Notice of Funding Opportunity

Comprehensive Law Enforcement Response to Violent Crime

Category 2: [Multijurisdictional Violent Crime Enforcement Program NOFO # 2094-2891](#)

**RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS**

**Day posted: September 9, 2024 through September 13, 2024**

Question September 9, 2024

I have never used the AmpliFund system to apply. How do I sign in and apply?

Response

The below resource will guide you on how to sign in.

- [How to Add New Users as a Grantee and Single-Sign-On \(SSO\) Process – Illinois Grant Management Support \(zendesk.com\)](#)

The below resource will guide you on how to apply.

- [How to Apply on Ampli Fund General Resource 4bde1b1dd3.pdf \(icjia-api.cloud\)](#)

Please also visit the ICJIA YouTube Channel and watch the Technical Assistance Recording for this NOFO. There are more useful links in the description below the video.

- [JAG Comprehensive Law Enforcement Response to Violent Crime – Technical Assistance Recording](#)

Question September 9, 2024

Are community agencies eligible for funding?

Response

No

Question September 10, 2024

We are a Task Force and we do not use AmpliFund.

What do we do?

How do we sign up for AmpliFund?

Response

Applicants under this category will need to apply under their implementing agency's AmpliFund account.

To do so, 1) if you do not have an existing public.external.Illinois.gov account, the MEG/TF will need to create a public.external.illinois.gov account and link it to the current implementing agency GATA Grantee Portal account.

2) Then, someone from the implementing agency with access to the GATA Grantee Portal must grant the new user access to AmpliFund and the Applicant Portal. For more detailed instructions, please click on the link below.

[How to Add New Users as a Grantee and Single-Sign-On \(SSO\) Process – Illinois Grant Management Support \(zendesk.com\)](#)

3) Once granted access, applicants can click on the NOFO link below to apply.

Enforcement - <https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/77dd3e77-57a1-47a9-98ae-b3fc40cb01fb>

Question September 12, 2024

When entering the budget, should we just complete the budget for 9 months in this application or use a yearly figure?

Response

For this application budget on the first grant, you should use the 9-month figures. This will also be true for your Goal, Objectives, and Performance Metrics table as well as for the implementation schedule.

Question September 12, 2024

The one-time opportunity for equipment and non-consumable supplies, should this be included in the #2094-2891 application, or does the equipment request need to be a separate request ?

Response

For the one-time additional funding in equipment and non-consumable supplies up to \$12,000, this should be included in the application budget for #2094-2891. You should indicate on the budget narrative which items are utilizing this additional funding.

Question September 13, 2024

When adding equipment to this grant application, are there minimum requirements?  
Can we request more than \$5,000.00 in equipment?

Response

Equipment funds requested must be in accordance with the [JAG Prohibited and Controlled Expenses](#).

You can request up to \$12,000 in equipment and non-consumable supplies with the additional one-time funds allotted only for the first grant in this NOFO.

Question September 13, 2024

I added our Fiduciary (Implementing Agency) to my AmpliFund, and they approved it. Do I also need to be added to their GATA profile?

Response

No

Question September 13, 2024

When entering application information into AmpliFund, is the Applicant information (Organizational Unit, Contact Info, etc.) to be populated as our Fiduciary (Implementing Agency)?

Response

The AmpliFund system will auto-populate with the information from the Applicant Portal. The primary contact should be updated to your applicant information. However, all other applicant information (such as DUNS, UEI, FEIN, address, etc.) should remain with the implementing agency information.

Question September 13, 2024

Is there anyone that could help me navigate through AmpliFund?

Response

You can reach out to the AmpliFund Zen Desk for help. Here is a link [Sign in to AmpliFund Support \(zendesk.com\)](#)

You can also use the resource below to guide through the application modules on AmpliFund.

- [How to Apply on Ampli Fund General Resource 4bde1b1dd3.pdf \(icjia-api.cloud\)](#)

Question September 13, 2024

We are a Task Force that was already set up in AmpliFund. Can the implementing agency add me as a user?

Response

Yes, the implementing agency with access to the GATA Grantee Portal must grant you user access to AmpliFund and the Applicant Portal. For more detailed instructions, please click on the link below.

[How to Add New Users as a Grantee and Single-Sign-On \(SSO\) Process – Illinois Grant Management Support \(zendesk.com\)](#)

**Day posted: September 16, 2024 through September 20, 2024**

Question September 16, 2024

Can an applicant request more funding than previous awards and/or move funding to different categories (example: move from personnel to equipment)?

Response

Yes, applicants can request more funding but up to the allowed range based on the population of your area served.

Yes, funding can be moved to/from different categories. Please be mindful of supplanting.

Question September 17, 2024

Can you explain the NIBRS compliant component?

Who needs to be compliant? Implementing agency, Program agency or participating departments?

Response

NIBRS compliant means the NIBRS system is being used to input crime data, not the UCR.

The program agency needs to be NIBRS compliant.

Question September 17, 2024

Regarding Category 2, will our current MOU and Inter-agency agreement fulfill the required forms? Also, is there a template for Letter of Commitment?

Response

Your current MOU and interagency agreement will fulfill this requirement.

There is no template for the Letter of Commitment.

**Day posted: September 23, 2024 through September 27, 2024**

Question September 25, 2024

When we apply for this grant - is there a possibility that this grant would be extended for additional years?

Response

This NOFO is for a max of 36 months of funding broken up into 3 grants. 1<sup>st</sup> grant is 9 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> grant will be 12 months, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grant will be 15 months. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grant will depend on availability of funding and grant performance.

Question September 25, 2024

If the grant should be extended for a 12-month time frame, other than the 9-month time frame being applied for; would the extension only be for the amount applied for 9 months, or would there be additional funding to extend to the 12-month time frame?

Response

The funding to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grant would have more funding on top of the 9-month amount.

Example = 1<sup>st</sup> grant for 9-months is \$100,000.

\$100,000 divided by 9 months = \$11,111.11 spending rate per month

\$11,111 x 12 months = \$133,332

The funding for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grant would have more funding on top of the 12-month amount.

Example = 3<sup>rd</sup> grant for 15 months is \$11,111 x 15 months = \$166,665

The additional funding for one-time equipment and non-consumable supplies is not considered in the “spending rate per month” amount that is used to calculate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grants.

Question September 25, 2024

If we apply for the full amount offered for the 9 months, what will happen to the additional three months of the grant continuation, as funding would then be less than a full year?

Response

The first grant will stay at 9 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> grant at 12 months, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grant 15 months to equal 36 months which is the max amount of month allowed for funding one NOFO under GATA rules. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding will depend on availability of funds and grantee performance.

Question September 25, 2024

With this application, is there minimum amount on equipment?

Response

In any grant with ICJIA, the threshold is at \$5k per item for it to be considered an “equipment”. Once an item is classified and placed in the budget in the equipment category, then there are certain grant rules that follow for inventory, use, and disposing of equipment.

Supplies are for items less than \$5k and do not carry the same rules for inventory and disposal. Supplies do carry the same rules for use as equipment. The use must be for the purpose of the grant and for grant program activities.

Question September 25, 2024

For example, could we purchase multiple ballistic shields valued at less than \$5,000 each?

Response

Yes, but these would be considered non-consumable supplies as their value is less than \$5k each so those should be placed in the supply category of the budget. Non-consumable supplies are items that do not need to be replaced or replenished within the following 36 months.

This NOFO does allow for the purchase of non-consumables supplies and equipment with the one-time additional funding of up to \$12K.

For non-consumable supplies, please indicate on the budget narrative which non-consumables supplies are being included in the budget for the one-time additional funds of up to \$12K.

For consumable supplies in the budget, I would recommend keeping those expense excluded from the one-time \$12k additional funding. Please indicate on the budget narrative which supplies are consumable and are being excluded in the one-time additional funding.

For equipment in the budget that is not included in the \$12k one-time additional funding, please indicate in the budget narrative for that item that it is not include in the \$12K.

Please remember equipment and non-consumable supplies included in the one-time additional funding of up to \$12k cannot be requested on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year grant.

Question September 26, 2024

According to the BJA Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Guidance, police cruisers are allowable (with a waiver). I am not seeing anything more regarding the purchase of vehicles. Could you please advise if this is something that we would be able to budget for and purchase under this grant opportunity?

Response

The [Prohibited and Controlled Equipment Guidance for Awards Made During or After \(federal\) Fiscal Year 2023 \(ojp.gov\)](#) lists vehicles as Category A, Strictly Prohibited. Here is the language from page 2:

- *Any vehicles that do not have a commercial application, including all tracked and armored vehicles, unless the LEA certifies that the vehicle will be used exclusively for disaster-related emergencies; active shooter scenarios; hostage or other search and rescue operations; or anti-terrorism preparedness, protection, prevention, response, recovery, or relief.*

Also, in Category B, vehicles are listed as statutorily prohibited without a waiver. Here is the language below:

**Category B – Statutorily Prohibited without Waiver.**

The use of JAG funds for the purchase or of items listed in Category B is prohibited unless the Department of Justice first certifies in writing that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist that make the use of JAG award funds to provide such matters essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order. See Requesting a Certification Regarding Items in Category B – Statutorily Prohibited without Waiver for instructions.

- Vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (see (excluding police helicopters). (See Category C)
- Luxury items
- Real estate
- Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)
- Any similar matter “Vehicles” includes, without limitation:
  - Buses / recreational vehicles.
  - Trucks, including pickup trucks.
  - Vans, including passenger vans.
  - Motorcycles.
  - Sport utility vehicles (SUVs).
  - Segways, golf carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility task vehicles (UTVs) and similar items — when and if applicable state or local law requires licensing or registration of such items. For purposes of Category B, a vehicle is considered a “police cruiser” only if it is used in the ordinary course for routine police patrol within the United States. Vehicles (including motorcycles, SUVs, pickup trucks, ATVs, and UTVs) used as “police cruisers” are not prohibited under JAG, and therefore may be acquired with JAG funds in the ordinary course, to the extent otherwise allowable under the award

**Last day for question submission is 5:00 p.m. CDT, September 27, 2024.**