

NC Department of Public Safety
Governor's Crime Commission

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE – Funding Priorities
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****While no match will be required, please note that this will greatly diminish the number of grant awards that can be awarded in the 2021 Funding Cycle. This will make this year's grant solicitation process more competitive than in previous years. Also note that a grantee may apply for the maximum federal amount available in the cap set by the priority but may or may not be awarded the full amount based on committee review and score, discussion, past performance, and availability of federal funds.**

- ❖ **NO MATCH WILL BE REQUIRED ON ANY PRIORITY.**
- ❖ **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CEILING CAPS FOR EACH PRIORITY. PROPOSALS THAT EXCEED THESE THRESHOLDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.**
- ❖ **NO UNMANNED ARIEL VEHICLES (UAV'S) OR DRONES CAN BE REQUESTED.**
- ❖ **VEHICLE PURCHASES FOR ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE (ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE, FOUR WHEELER, GATOR, AND/OR TRAILERS) THAT REQUIRES NORTH CAROLINA DMV REGISTRATION ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- ❖ **MAINTENANCE OR RENTAL/LEASES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

1. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS

Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 24,500 – 1 YEAR ONLY

Grant funding under this priority is ONLY available to local law enforcement agencies.

Applications may include ONLY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE with a minimum of \$10,000 and a cap of \$24,500 in federal funds per agency. No OVERTIME or PERSONNEL REQUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED. General Equipment and Training requests will support law enforcement functions and activities.

Agencies that submit multiple applications under this priority will be automatically disqualified. Among the items may be purchased with these funds: Radios, non-lethal weapons, weapon replacements, audio and video recording equipment for use with interrogations and interviews, narcan kits (naloxone), cameras for jail, courthouse security apparatus, hardware and software resources for lineups to comply with the statutory lineup identification procedures, and other similar functions relating specific law enforcement activities. **Agencies that are requesting body worn cameras must have a departmental policy on the use of body-worn cameras and a data storage solution plan which must be uploaded into the GEMS system and submitted by the application deadline.**

NOTE: Agencies applying for funds to purchase recording equipment for custodial interrogations must also meet Special Conditions which will stipulate that the agency:

- Will use these funds to purchase recording equipment and related technology for recording custodial interrogation of individuals by law enforcement.
- Has a written policy for recording interrogations of a category(s) of serious crimes determined by the agency. It must conform to best practices including requirements that the entire interrogation is electronically recorded;

the recording equipment is positioned to record both suspect and interrogating officer(s); and a system for cataloging and retaining copies of recordings for use in related judicial proceedings.

Prohibited items include phone lines, unmanned aerial vehicles, any vehicle purchases that require DMV registration, and any other long-term contractual services.

2. STATEWIDE TRAINING AND STATEWIDE ACCREDITATION PRIORITY

Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 200,000 – 1 YEAR ONLY

The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee realizes the importance of training for all law enforcement officials. North Carolina is a large state that has well over 400 town and city police departments and 100 sheriff's offices. It is imperative that local law enforcement, regardless of size and wealth, be trained in sound criminal justice policies, procedures, and live training scenarios. National accreditation standards are one practical way to help achieve this. These standards will help raise the level of professionalism among law enforcement agencies. It will also ensure that the public at large is aware that their officers and deputies have received baseline training on how law enforcement officials should conduct themselves. As such, the Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is seeking applications for statewide training for law enforcement officials, as well as, applications for establishing accreditation standards and ensuring those standards are met by every law enforcement agency in our state.